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Social Studies

BOE 2/23/26

Core Disciplines:

- Civics
- Geography
- Economic Literacy
- History

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- Civic and Political Institutions
- Participation and Deliberation: Applying Civic Virtues and Democratic Principles
- Processes, Rules, and Laws

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- Geographic Representations: Spatial Views of the World
- Human-Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture
- Human Population: Spatial Patterns and Movements
- Global Interconnections: Changing Spatial Patterns

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Elementary School

Illinois SS Learning Standards Grade-Level Themes

- **Kindergarten: My Social World**
- **First Grade: Living, Learning, and Working Together**
- **Second Grade: Families, Neighborhoods, and Communities**
- **Third Grade: Communities Near and Far**
- **Fourth Grade: Our State, Our Nation**
- **Fifth Grade: Our Nation, Our World**

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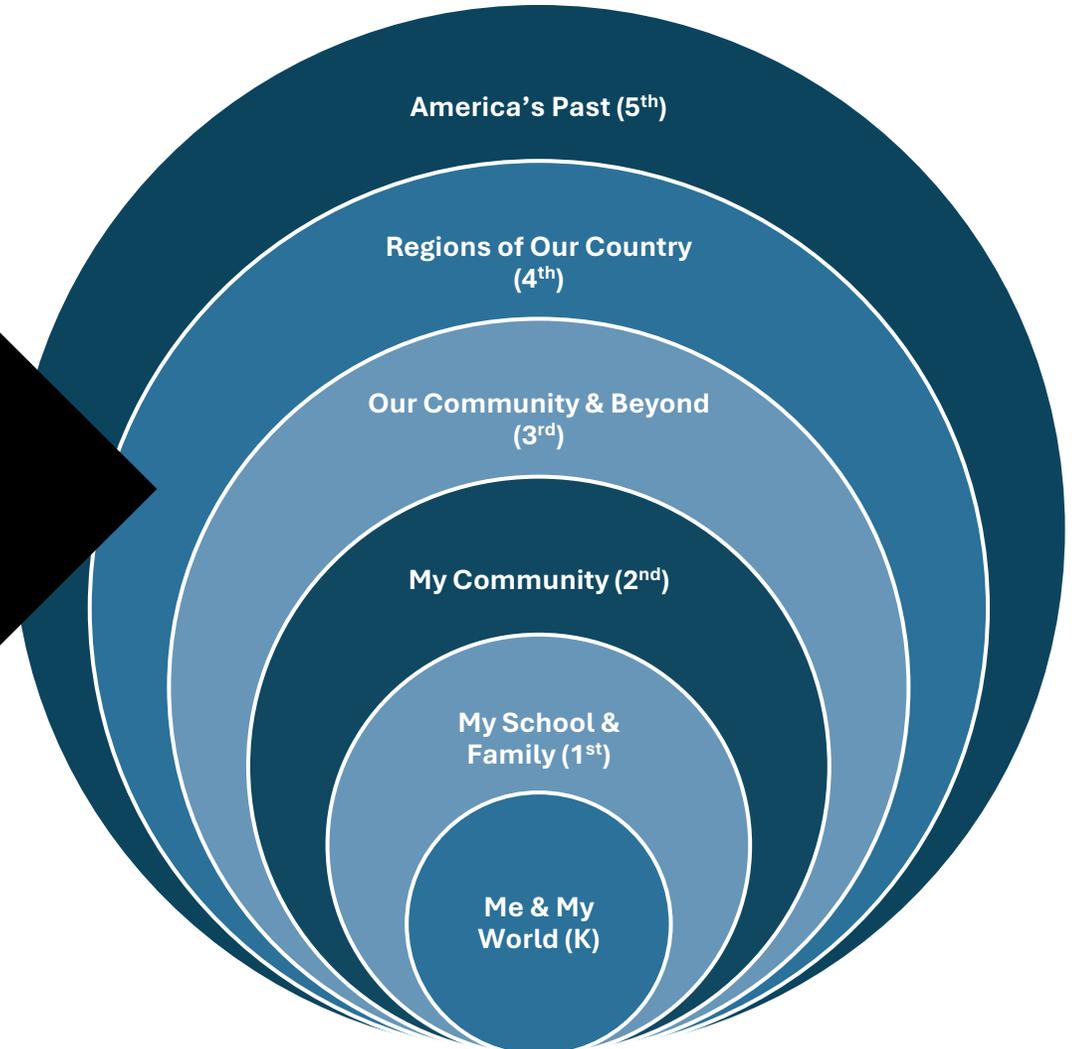
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Connect to TCI *Social Studies Alive!* Grade-Level Themes



Middle School

Grade Level Themes:

- 6th Grade - World cultures
- 7th Grade – Early colonial America to westward expansion
- 8th Grade – Pre-Civil War to WWI.

• The Experience:

- Inquiry
- Evaluating sources and using evidence
- Communicating conclusions
- Recognizing and articulating multiple perspectives
- Examples: Should We Celebrate Columbus Day?

Was the Constitutional Convention a success?

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High School

- **Civics:** *From knowledge to participation*
 - How can citizens influence their community, state, and country?
- **History:** *Developing critical analysis, understanding multiple perspectives, and forming historical arguments*
 - History is not just a story. It is an evidence-based argument shaped by context and perspective.
- **Geography:** *Global Systems and Interdependence*
 - Culture, politics, conflict, economies shape our globally connected world.
- **Economics:** *Decision-making in a complex economy*
 - How can economic systems affect both national policy and their own financial futures?

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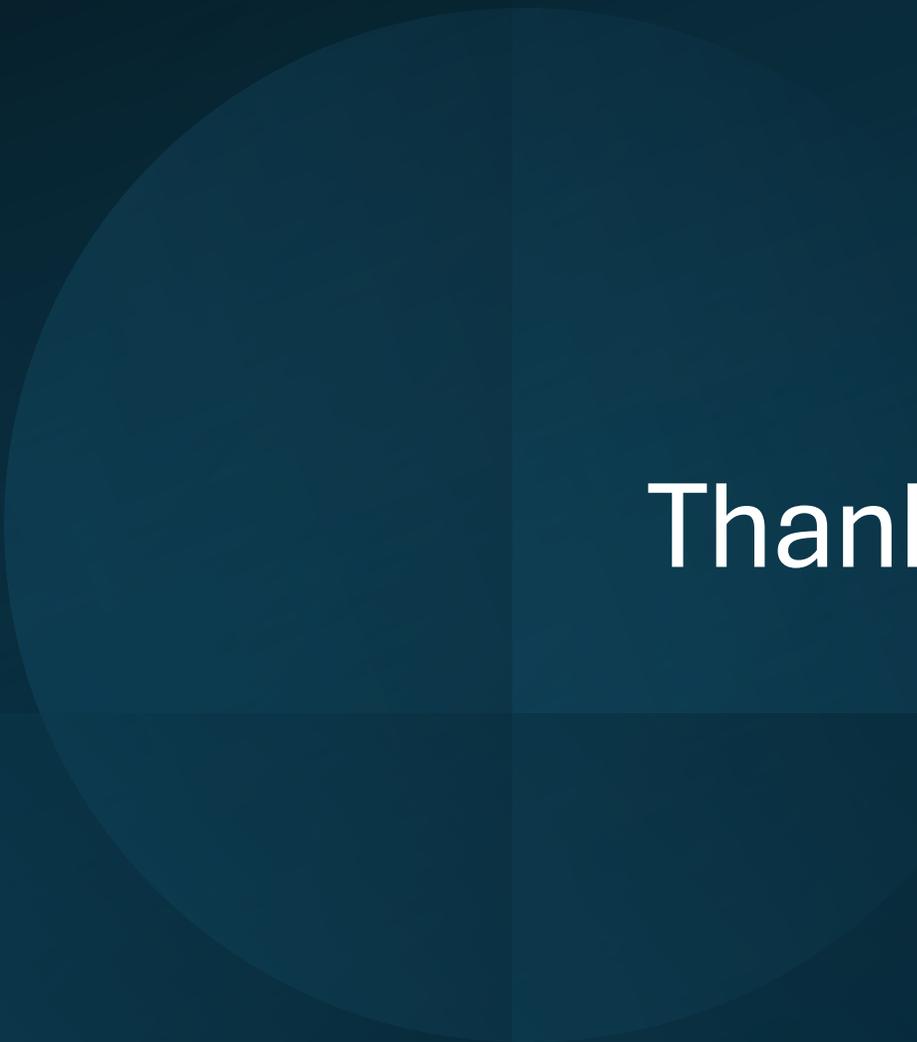
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Questions