

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Resources

## The World Around Me

Through the study of geography and economics, students' lenses expand to learn how their world is interconnected globally. Students will develop a spatial understanding of the world around them so they can understand how other cultures and civilizations are interconnected and have influenced who we are as a community, state, and Nation. This storyline integrates well with the English Language Arts standards at this grade level since most districts have students read fables, folktales, and stories from the United States and around the world. The standards in second grade are skill-based and are designed to integrate the skills with the study of any region or civilization in the world since individual curriculum for ELA is varies throughout the state.

### Course Considerations:

- Working together to solve problems
- Individual and leadership roles
- Identifying regions using geographic models
- Earning, spending, and saving money in a global community
- Influence of weather and climate
- Development and change of civilizations and cultures
- Societal institutions and their belief systems

**NOTE:** Resources may be listed as a different grade based upon national or other state curriculum. Please search by topic for sources to use.

Resource	Website	Description
2019 Notable Social Studies Books	<a href="https://www.cbcbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NOTABLES2019_PreviewList2.pdf">https://www.cbcbooks.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/NOTABLES2019_PreviewList2.pdf</a>	List of notable books to teach and use for social studies broken down by grade band. There are also past lists available at <a href="https://www.cbcbooks.org/readers/reading-lists/best-of-lists/notable-social-studies/">https://www.cbcbooks.org/readers/reading-lists/best-of-lists/notable-social-studies/</a> .
C3 Inquiry	<a href="http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/">http://www.c3teachers.org/inquiries/</a>	Search by topic to find inquiries that cover the course considerations. Use all or part of the inquiries in your classes.
Docs Teach	<a href="https://www.docsteach.org/">https://www.docsteach.org/</a>	Wide variety of primary sources from the National Archives covering U.S. history and world history. Includes online tools to create activities based on the primary sources selected. Can modify images for 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade.
Newsela	<a href="https://newsela.com/">https://newsela.com/</a>	Current events searchable by topic, and grade level. Manipulate the lexile of the article to suit your students' needs.
Digital Public Library of America	<a href="https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/">https://dp.la/primary-source-sets/</a>	Primary source documents for teacher content, many images that can be used for 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade.
Project Learn Smart	<a href="https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main">https://www.projectlooksharp.org/?action=main</a>	Sources and lessons organized by topic or by grade level and contains a media literacy focus. Many come with teacher and student guides.

Arizona Geographic Alliance	<a href="https://geoalliance.asu.edu/">https://geoalliance.asu.edu/</a>	Lessons and resources with a geography focus. Lessons are searchable by topic and grade level.
Read Works	<a href="https://www.readworks.org/">https://www.readworks.org/</a>	Similar to Newsela. Searchable sources for social studies with adaptable lexile levels. Great resource for many topics.
Primary Source Nexus	<a href="http://primarysourcenus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/">http://primarysourcenus.org/psn-resources/themed-link-sets/cps-social-studies/</a>	Resource partnered with the Library of Congress. Searchable topics and grade levels and includes lessons.
Teaching Tolerance	<a href="https://www.tolerance.org/">https://www.tolerance.org/</a>	Great K-12 lessons, posters, and film on civics, history, geography, and economics with a focus on tolerance and community.
PBS Media Learning	<a href="https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/">https://az.pbslearningmedia.org/subjects/social-studies/</a>	Interactives, videos, lessons, galleries, audio, images, and documents all for K-12. Search by topics in addition to grade level.
EDSITEment	<a href="https://edsitement.neh.gov/">https://edsitement.neh.gov/</a>	Lessons from the National Endowment for the Humanities. All lessons are searchable by grade level or subject/topic.
Council for Economic Education	<a href="https://www.econedlink.org/">https://www.econedlink.org/</a>	K-12 lessons on economic principles. Many are hands on and interactive.
The Federal Reserve Education	<a href="https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/">https://www.federalreserveeducation.org/</a>	Federal Reserve created lessons for K-12 that are interactive and hands on lessons to teach economic concepts. Great lessons.
The British Museum	<a href="https://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources.aspx">https://www.britishmuseum.org/learning/schools_and_teachers/resources.aspx</a>	Resources, mostly visuals, from civilizations around the world over all time periods. Pair these with your reading literature program.
The Smithsonian Learning Lab	<a href="https://learninglab.si.edu/">https://learninglab.si.edu/</a>	Huge number of resources for many topics, not just social studies. Resources include lessons, video clips, and interactives. Read or watch the getting started guide to narrow your searches.
Brain Pop Jr.	<a href="https://jr.brainpop.com/">https://jr.brainpop.com/</a>	High quality short videos on a variety of subjects K-6. No corresponding resources.
Teaching History.org	<a href="https://teachinghistory.org/quick-links-elementary">https://teachinghistory.org/quick-links-elementary</a>	Searchable lessons and resources for K-12 as well as teacher methodologies.
Annenberg Learner	<a href="https://www.learner.org/">https://www.learner.org/</a>	Annenberg Media's K-12 site for videos, lessons, and interactives. Other content areas are available as well.