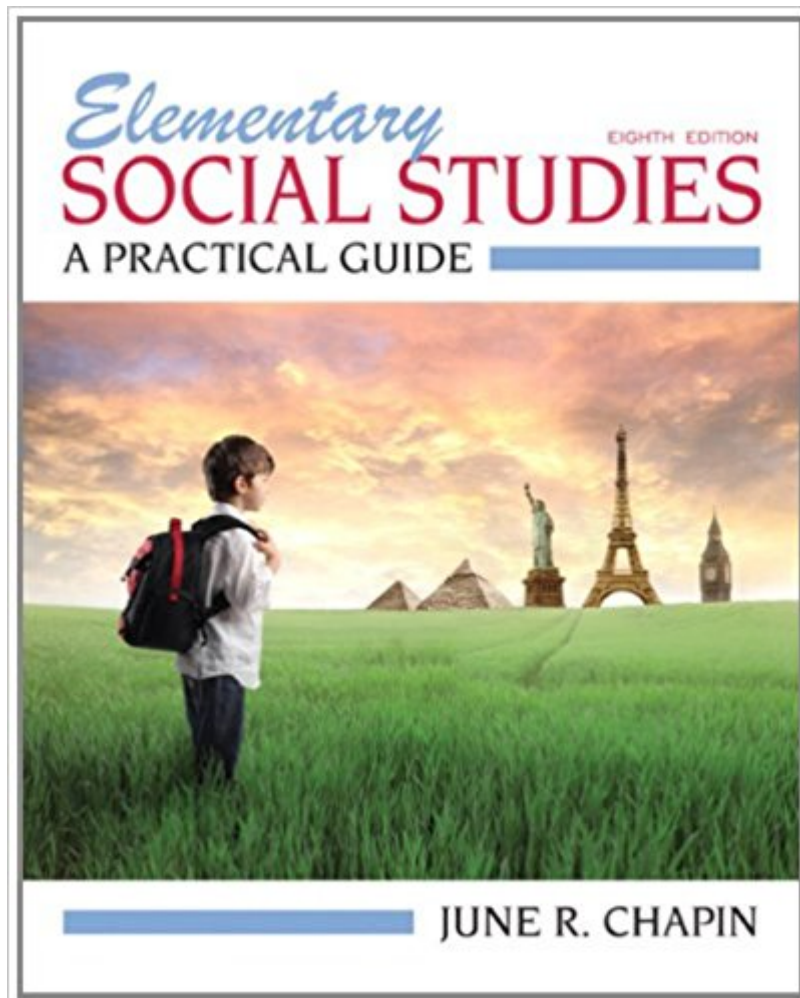




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Elementary Social Studies: A Practical Guide, Eighth Edition, clearly presents, in a friendly tone, the essential content and methods for teaching social studies in the K-8 classroom, while reflecting on the recent trends in technology, teaching English Language Learners, and meeting the needs of diverse students. This brief, but thorough text deals with the various social studies disciplines in a way that reflects the field's greater focus on teaching history, geography, economics, and civic education. The content focuses on central concerns in teaching social studies in a standards-based environment, and prepares new teachers to successfully implement a social studies curriculum with concepts, strategies, and values relevant to elementary and middle grades. This edition has been thoroughly updated to include new content on technology (podcasts, blogs, e-books), a focus on teaching English Learners, and meeting the needs of diverse students. The text also features full chapters in history, civic education, geography, and economics with multiple activities to show how these subjects can be taught in a creative and engaging way to help all students to think and act as democratic citizens.

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I liked this book, it gave many practical examples for teachers to use in the classroom. Social studies is generally a factual subject which can be very boring. This book helps to give you creative ideas for social studies content.

I am not too pleased with the usefulness of this text for teaching Social Studies Methods. The book

gives many examples of teaching methods for social studies but the book lacks depth or how-to-ness. Okay for a general overview but not much substance. It lacks an overall philosophy or guiding theory. Students reading this text are left to sort through a variety of methods and come to their own decisions about what will work and not work in the classroom. I would rather have seen more of what the current research suggest about teaching than leaving all of the sense making to the reader.

It's fine if you are being forced teach Social Studies. Has the info that you need to write lesson plans and it's arranged well. I just HATE social studies so it's hard for me to give a high rating to any product that is in that subject vein!

This book is excellent for college students preparing to teach Elementary Ed in any school, public or private. I highly recommend it! It's a book you won't want to sell after you use it, because it's a great book to refer back to once you begin your teaching career.

I do like this book because it has a lot of great information and great lesson plan ideas. It was required for one of my classes. I don't like to read so I found it a little dry.

I don't remember how long the book was suppose to take to send, but it felt like it took a bit longer than anticipated. But overall I am satisfied. The cost was cheaper than a college bookstore and the book arrived in good shape!

I was requiered to get this for a class. It came promptly and It was very informative. I was able to use it in my class and I use it as referance once in a while.

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