



# History and Civics Curriculum

Department of Education

## Overview

Governor Noem's recommended budget includes \$900,000 in one-time funding to create instructional materials and classroom resources on South Dakota history, civics and government, geography, and economics. Materials will be developed for elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Teacher training will also be developed and offered.

## Background

South Dakota's 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies standards emphasize the state's history, government/civics, geography, and economics. The bulk of the materials will support 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students. Additional materials will supplement social studies coursework in other elementary grades and in middle and high school classes.

The instructional materials will include lesson plans, teaching tools, digital primary source documents, historic photos and videos, and interviews with experts. The materials and some educator training will be housed online and easily accessible.