

social  
studies



generation

## Grades 6-8

- 18 one-week in-depth units
- Developed by teams of researchers and practitioners
- Tested in a broad range of classrooms
- Supports development of 21st century practices

## INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN EACH UNIT

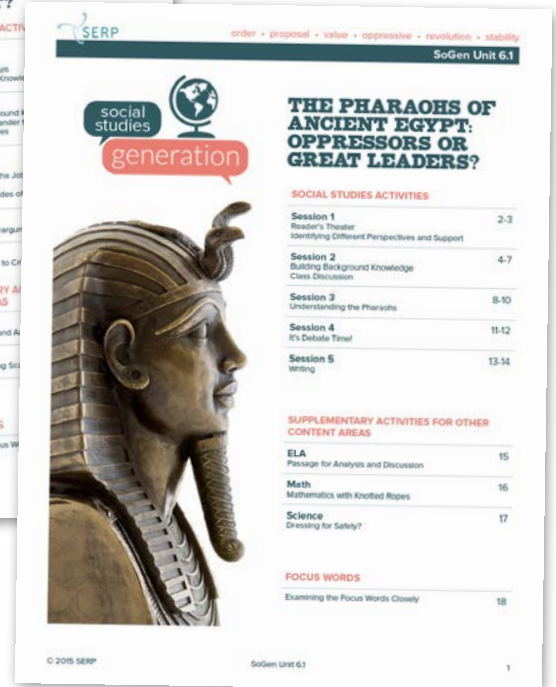
- Reader's Theater
- Informational text
- Debate
- Writing
- Brief supplementary activities for ELA, math, and science

## AREAS OF FOCUS

- Ancient Civilizations of Egypt, Greece, and Rome
- Migration Experiences of Two Children in War-torn Sudan
- Complex Questions Related to American Democracy

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## Interdisciplinary Social Studies Units that Support Academic Literacy and Practices

Inspired by the original Word Generation program, Social Studies Generation (SoGen) is comprised of three six-week sequences that address topics commonly included in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade social studies content standards. These curricular materials can be used in place of the standard curriculum materials, or as a supplement. They provide opportunities to read, write, and discuss central concepts in social studies, and to build critical reasoning and argumentation skills.

Each unit is comprised of 40-50 minute social studies lessons and highlights 5-10 academic words. Students integrate information from multiple texts, often from differing perspectives. All activities relate to the central question or topic of the week, build relevant knowledge, and provide opportunities to encounter the new academic vocabulary in multiple semantic contexts. By bringing historical conflicts closer to students' lives, and teaching them to identify the claims, reasons, and evidence associated with each perspective, students are equipped with both the background and the tools to engage in argumentation.

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