



DIVISION of LEARNING

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**Social Studies
Instructional Materials Adoption
Middle School Social Studies Advisory Committee
Recommendation Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2024**

**MCO – Boardroom
5:00 p.m.**

Instructional Vision for Social Studies:

Our K-12 Social Studies program makes a commitment to an exemplary standards-based social studies education that prepares students to be college, career, and community ready. This means:

- Students gain critical and independent thinking and communication skills that allow them to know the past, engage in the present, and participate actively and effectively as an informed citizen of a democracy.
- Students build meaningful knowledge with complex content through the exposure to high quality instructional materials using primary sources and authentic texts for a deep understanding of Social Studies content.

Overarching Goal:

To select high-quality Social Studies instructional materials for our K-12 students aligned to the following priorities:

1. Priority 1: Content - Building knowledge through standards-based, content-rich instructional materials
2. Priority 2: Instruction – Evidence and inquiry-based questions, tasks, and assignments
3. Priority 3: Usability for teachers & students
4. Priority 4: Support for diverse learners
5. Priority 5: Assessment



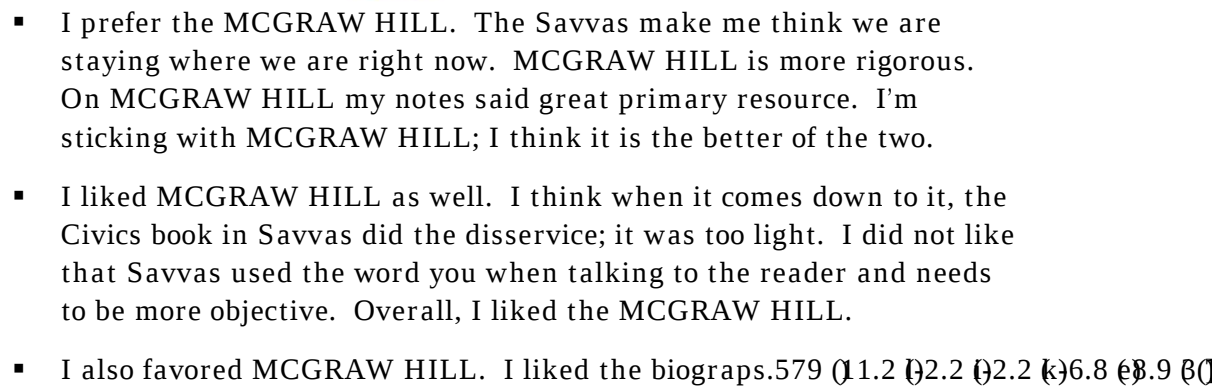


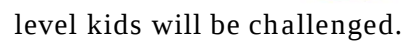
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- I lean toward MCGRAW HILL because I felt there was more rigor in the content. It may be challenging for a low-level reader. I loved the ELL strategies and the UDL.
- I personally liked the MCGRAW HILL. If I were thrown into history, I'd rather be thrown in with the MCGRAW HILL than Savvas, but I did like the spiral of the Savvas. I personally loved the technology side of MCGRAW HILL, it was easier to navigate as a teacher.
- I could live with either book. I favored the MCGRAW HILL book because as a new teacher, that is what I had access too and it is easier for me to navigate. I love the layout and love the primary sources. It does feel more rigorous.
- I too prefer the MCGRAW HILL. The digital access was much more comprehensive. Savvas has too little geography for 6th grade, but MCGRAW HILL did cover that.
- Either book. I preferred Savvas. If I were a student sitting in a middle school class, I would see it as easier to navigate.
- I'd be okay with either one of the books, but this was hard because I wasn't happy with either one of the books. MCGRAW HILL is overwhelming and should be two books. The website was really good with really good materials. I was concerned about the reading level. I

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