

Current Events and its Teacher's Guides are designed to help you meet the following NCSS, NCTE/IRA, and NCGE standards. Each issue will reinforce a variety of skills that students must master to excel on standardized tests.

NCSS Standards/Skills

- **Standard:** Culture and diversity
Skill: Compare world cultures
- **Standard:** Time, continuity, and change
Skill: Use time lines
- **Standard:** Understand interaction among people, places, and environments
Skill: Interpret and analyze maps
- **Standard:** Understand individual development and identity
Skill: Interview someone who has lived through a historic event
- **Standard:** Study interactions among individuals, groups, and institutions
Skill: Define the role of government, institutions, and individuals.
- **Standard:** Understand structures of power, authority, and governance
Skills: Study historical documents and understand laws
- **Standard:** Understand the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services
Skill: Analyze charts and graphs
- **Standard:** Learn about interactions among science, technology, and society
Skill: Analyze infographics
- **Standard:** Global connections
Skill: Identify patterns of interdependence
- **Standard:** Understand civic ideals and practices
Skill: Debate civic ideals

NCGE Standards/Skills

- **Standard:** Use maps and geographic tools to acquire information
Skill: Identify countries in the news
- **Standard:** Analyze the spatial organization of people and places
Skill: Identify ecosystems
- **Standard:** Understand the physical characteristics of places.
Skill: Interpret maps
- **Standard:** Understand regional differences
Skill: Identify different regions and cultures
- **Standard:** Understand Earth's physical processes
Skill: Identify the causes and effects of climate and natural disasters
- **Standard:** Apply geography to interpret the past
Skill: Interpret historical maps
- **Standard:** Learn how cooperation and conflict influence global divisions
Skill: Identify global resources
- **Standard:** Understand human settlement patterns
Skill: Map country demographics
- **Standard:** Learn how culture influences people's perception of places
Skill: Compare world cultures
- **Standard:** Learn how human actions alter the environment
Skill: Determine cause and effect

NCTE/IRA Standards/Skills

- **Standard:** Use texts to acquire and understand new information
Skills: Identify parts of a news story, distinguish main ideas from supporting details
- **Standard:** Apply reading strategies to comprehend and evaluate texts
Skills: Identify synonyms; define words in context; use vocabulary skills to solve crossword puzzles
- **Standard:** Adjust spoken, written, and visual language to communicate with different audiences for different purposes
Skill: Analyze editorial cartoons
- **Standard:** Apply knowledge of language structure and conventions
Skill: Analyze media techniques; distinguish fact from opinion
- **Standard:** Conduct research on issues in the news
Skill: Synthesize data to answer questions and solve problems
- **Standard:** Gather, evaluate, and synthesize data from various sources
Skill: Participate in a weekly classroom research contest
- **Standard:** Participate as knowledgeable, reflective community members
Skill: Take part in weekly debates
- **Standard:** Use language to persuade and to exchange information
Skill: Write editorials