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Assignment: Social Studies Children's Books Review

Course: EDC 3100

For this assignment, you will write and publish one short review of a children's book with suggestions for how the book could be used for a unit from the New York Social Studies Scope and Sequence. You will post it on the Academics Commons class website. The purpose of this project is to collectively build resources that could be used to support social studies in K-5 settings.

Part 1- Select three children's books and write a short draft summary that you will share with your peers.

- 1- [Review the NY Social Studies Scope and Sequence](#) and choose a grade that you want to focus on and a unit.
- 2- Find three books that you think would be appropriate for the grade level and unit. Write a short summary of each book and be prepared to share with your peers during class. (Make sure that you also submit your summaries on Blackboard in the "book reviews drafts" discussion board.)

Here is what each should include:

- Name of the book
- Author & illustrator
- What is the book about?
- What grade level would you use for?
- What unit would it be used for?

Part 2: Revise one summary and publish it on the Academics Commons site.

Based on your peers' comments, choose one of the books and write an extended review adding:

- What social studies themes would this book address? How?
- Describe at least one follow up activity that a teacher might want to do after reading this book.

After you revise your summary, publish it to the Academic Commons site under the appropriate grade.

Resources:

You can find books using the following lists:

[Teachers College Reading and Writing project](#)
[CUNY-NYSIEB Culturally Relevant Books and Resources](#)
[Bank Street Center for Children's Literature](#)
[National Council for Social Studies book list](#)

[Lehman College Children's Literature Resources](#)

Note: When you find a book that you think you might be interested in reviewing, you can either get it from the library or search for a read aloud video on YouTube or Vimeo. For most books, you will be able to find a read aloud video that can give you a general sense of the content of the book.

How will this assignment be assessed?

- The three draft summaries and the final review were submitted on time.
- All of the parts of the assignment must be included.
- You reviewed two of your classmates' drafts and provided feedback.
- The books reviewed clearly connect to the Social Studies practices of the grade level that you chose from the NY Scope and Sequence.
- The books are developmentally appropriate for the grade level and culturally responsive/sustaining.
- The final review is clearly written, well organized, and one idea follows another in a logical sequence.