

TRAVERSE[®]

Program Overview

Inquiry Driven. Media Powered. Digital Forward.



Why Traverse?

Inquiry Driven

Social studies examines the relationships between people, societies, and cultures to understand their impact on the world. Through inquiry-based instruction, students become curious and empowered to learn, transforming teachers into facilitators as students engage in real-world investigations. Inquiry drives the instruction in Traverse, turning classrooms into vibrant places for discussion and discovery. Traverse integrates reading, inquiry, and research skills, fully aligning with the C3 Framework to support both students and teachers.

Media Powered

Today's students are immersed in a digital world, with technology and multimedia integral to their daily lives. Traverse's innovative approach leverages the power of technology and multimedia to create an engaging and dynamic learning experience for students of all backgrounds and learning styles.

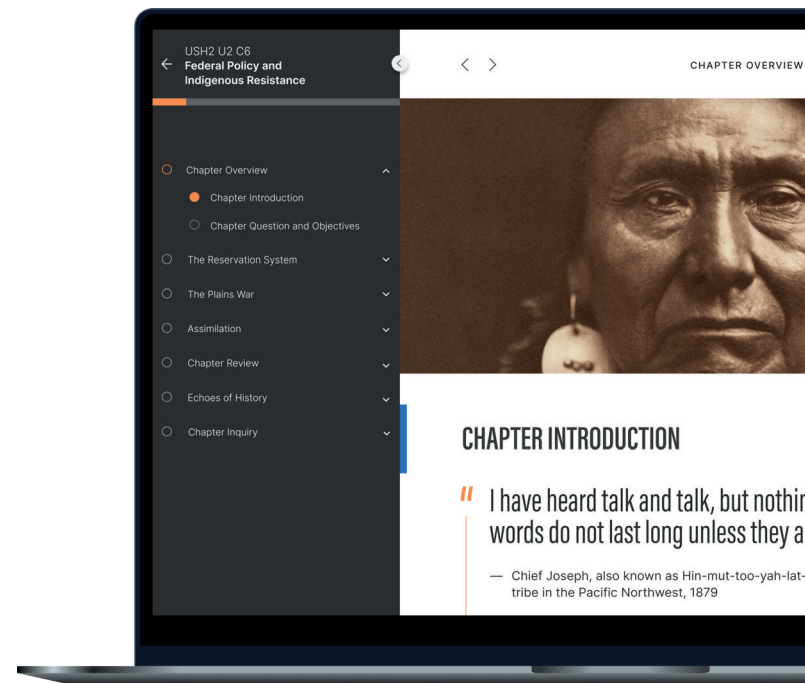
Digital Forward

Every classroom is unique, with students of diverse needs, interests, strengths, and struggles, so it is essential for teachers to have an adaptable curriculum that fits their students' needs. Traverse's digital-forward design gives teachers flexibility and options, with powerful digital customization features. It offers multiple instructional pathways and teacher support materials designed for ease of use.

Program Components

Digital Platform

A newly designed digital platform gives teachers and students access to high-quality sources via video, interactive tools, and multimedia.

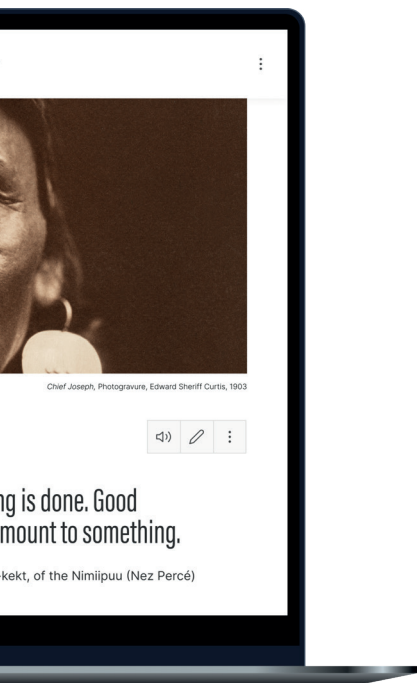


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Source and Skill Companion

Student print materials are designed for in-class instruction and reinforce key social studies skill development through primary source use.



Teacher Resource Companion

The classroom playbook includes pacing, discussion questions, and primary source and inquiry support.



Courses

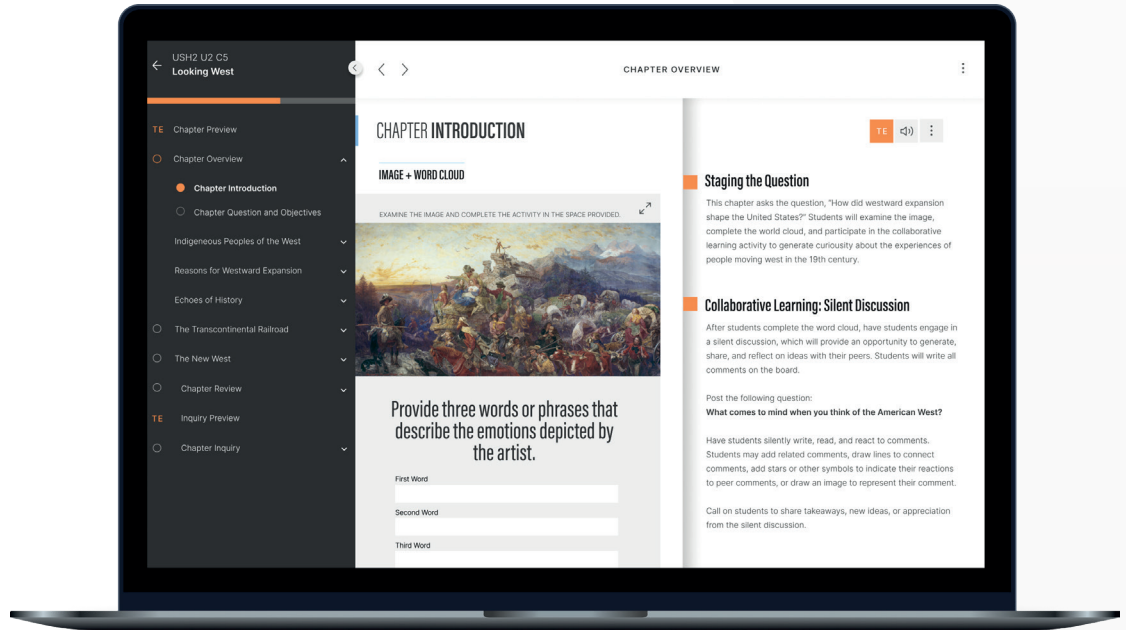
World History: Beginnings to the Reformation; World History: Emergence of the Modern World to the Present; U.S. History: Beginnings to the Civil War; U.S. History: Reconstruction to the Present; U.S. Government; Economics; World Geography



Balanced and Effective Social Studies Instruction

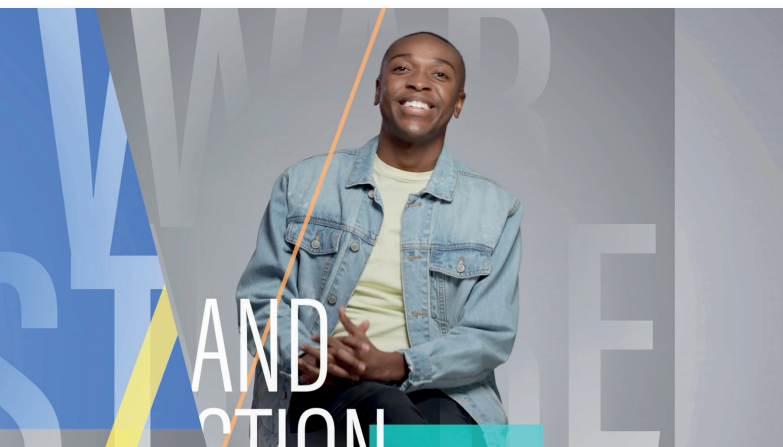
Digital Forward

Traverse is a living curriculum that students can access seamlessly from any device. It offers customizable resources, allowing teachers and administrators to tailor the curriculum to the unique needs of students and the community.



Teacher View: Staging the Question with classroom prompts

THE VIEW



Each unit opens with The View, an impactful video that introduces content and gets students excited about what they're about to learn.

No-Worry, Standards-Based Instruction

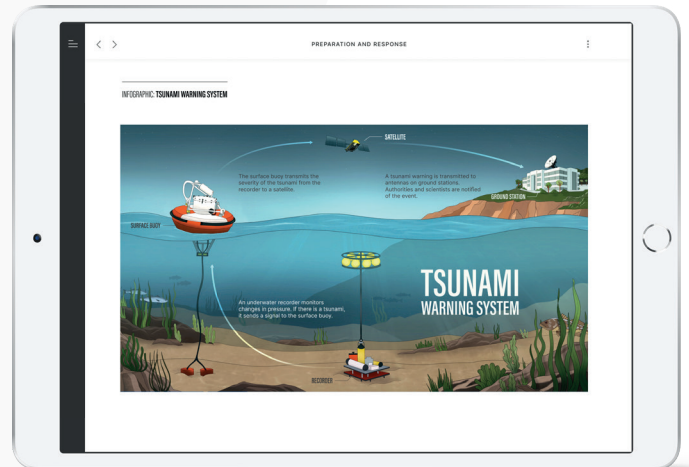
Traverse provides a “no worry” approach to standards-based instruction, empowering educators to approach instruction with confidence. It offers new content specifically designed for today’s classrooms, with relevant, engaging student resources to create a curriculum aligned to local standards.



Flipbook: Tell a visual story.

Balancing Content, Inquiry, and Skills

Traverse balances content, inquiry, and skills to provide a comprehensive learning experience. Students engage with content through a variety of resources, including videos, multimedia, primary and secondary sources, skill lessons, collaborative learning activities, and assessments.



Infographics: Analyze visual information.

TimeTunnel

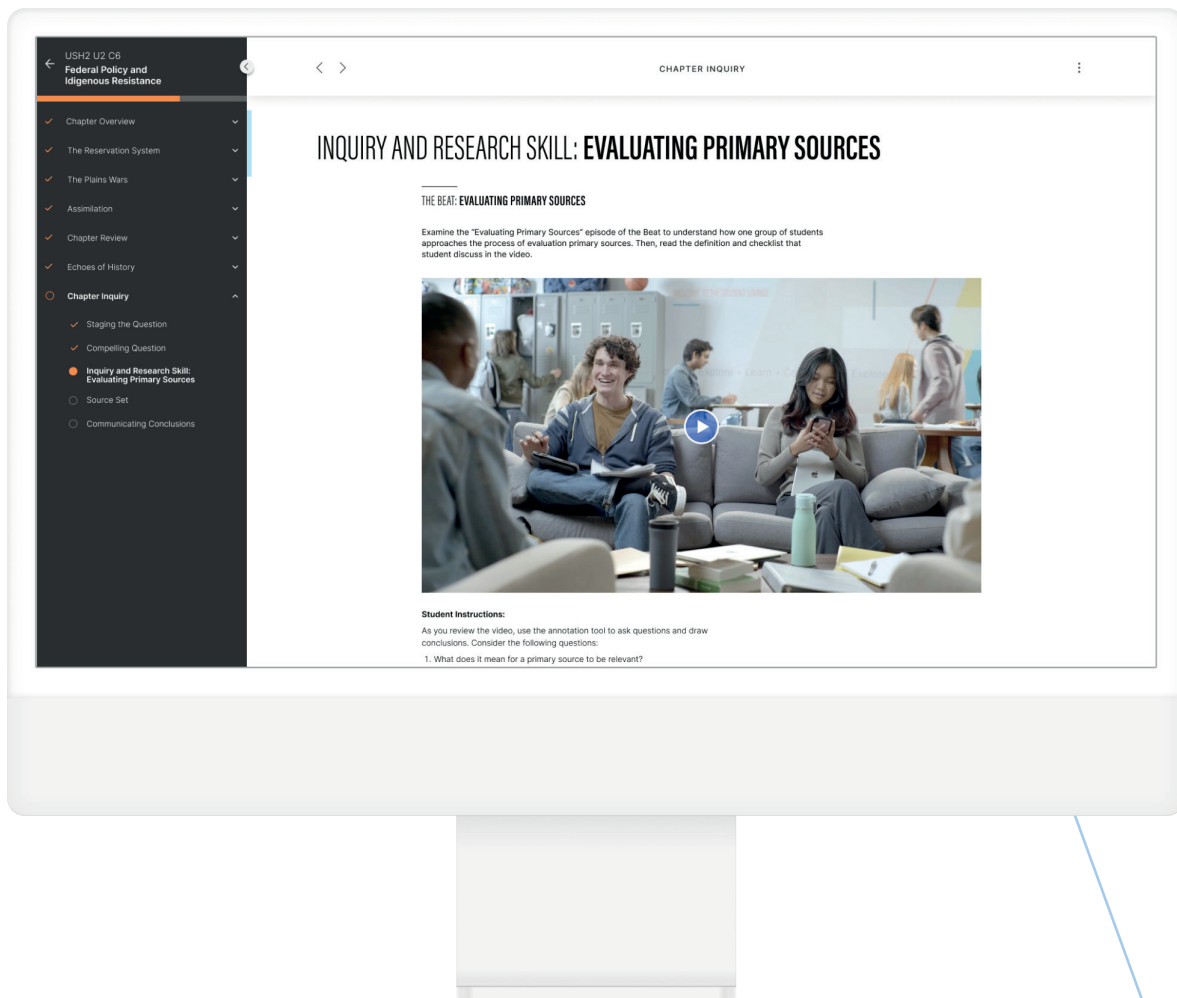


Time Tunnels tell stories through visuals and animations to focus students on events or concepts of the past.

Inquiry-Driven Instruction

Aligned to C3 Framework

Traverse is expertly aligned to the C3 Framework, encouraging the development of skills and knowledge needed for college, career, and civic life. Inquiry projects for every chapter were developed in collaboration with renowned educators Kathy Swan and Sam Wineburg. They reflect a world students will recognize from what they see around them, helping them connect the learning to real-life societal issues.



"Inquiry provides students space to ask important questions, to seek answers by looking at a range of perspectives and ideas, and then to ultimately find their own way out.

Inquiry prepares students for life!"

—Kathy Swan, Lead Writer, C3 Framework; Co-Creator and Co-Director, Making Inquiry Possible; Lead Consultant on Traverse

Inquiry and Research Skills

Inquiry and Research Skill Lessons

Lessons support students' practice and application of new skills while engaging in meaningful inquiry activities, empowering them to build on their learning as they progress through Traverse.

Students complete each inquiry using a traveling graphic organizer to analyze source sets.

Evaluating Sources

Evaluating Primary Sources, Evaluating Secondary Sources, Analyzing the Relationships between Sources

Applying Disciplinary Concepts and Tools

Analyzing Historical Perspectives, Analyzing Cause and Effect, Exploring Evolving Interpretations

Constructing Arguments

Gathering Evidence to Develop Claims, Constructing Explanations, Addressing Counterclaims

Communicating Conclusions and Taking Action

Working Collaboratives, Using Case Studies to Analyze Outcomes, Assessing Options for Action

Planning Inquiries

Determining Helpful Sources, Constructing Compelling and Supporting Questions

Conducting Research

Reading Laterally, Searching Effectively Online

TheBeat



Join a school lounge study group for a year of social studies, skill-based discussions, drama, and comedy as they take on Traverse inquiry projects.

Building Skills for Life

Spiraled, Intentional Skill Development

Featured Skill Lessons are paired with appropriate content, eliminating the need for teachers to balance content and skill instruction on their own. Skills are revisited—spiraled—in later chapters, reinforcing learning and promoting skill retention.

Each type of skill lesson follows a consistent structure—allowing students to know what to expect and develop a routine—and includes an easy-to-use checklist to guide students' skill development.

Reading Skill Lessons

Reading Skill Lessons help students analyze content and sources. Every primary and secondary source in the program is accompanied by a skill question or lesson.

Reading Skill Lessons are intentionally placed within the chapter to optimize student understanding of specific skills—for example, a political cartoon source may be accompanied by a Reading Skill Lesson on analyzing visual sources.



Primary and Secondary Sources

Traverse incorporates a wide range of primary and secondary sources to enhance student learning. With up to five primary sources per chapter, along with additional sources for chapter inquiry projects, students are exposed to authentic and diverse content from the world around them.



Annotation tool: Practice visual analysis.

Each primary source is accompanied by sourcing information and background to provide context for students.

Each source also presents an opportunity for skill practice, with interactive assessments available to reinforce learning.

In addition to the digital versions, all sources are available in the print companion, allowing students to continue source analysis offline.

Media Powered to Engage Students

Innovative Digital Narrative Content

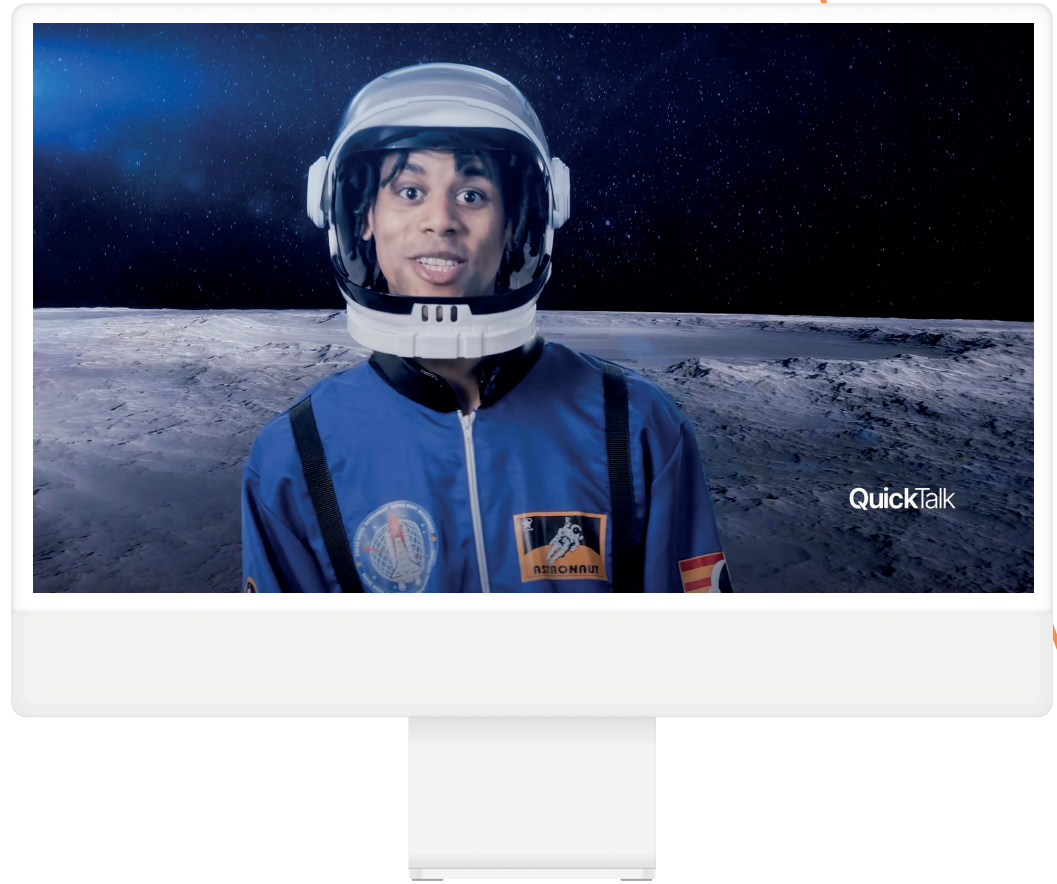
Dynamic and responsive learning experiences.

Multiple Modalities

Appealing to all types of learners.

Bite-Sized Content

Divided into chunks to ensure students are not overwhelmed.



TRAVERSE 360



Traverse 360 news shows tell impactful stories, taking students on deep dives into topics to gain insights they can take into each chapter.

QuickTalk



QuickTalks are fun, fast, social media-style definition videos featuring lively performances, props, costumes, and images.

Source and Skill Companion

From exploring primary sources to mastering essential skills, Traverse empowers students to actively engage with content, fostering a deep understanding of social studies.

The student-friendly Source and Skill Companion print edition is designed to enhance digital instruction. With a concise chapter summary for content preview or review, in-depth focus on every primary source, and engaging skill lessons, this student edition is carefully crafted to support learning, making complex concepts accessible and relatable.



Digital Tools and Multimedia

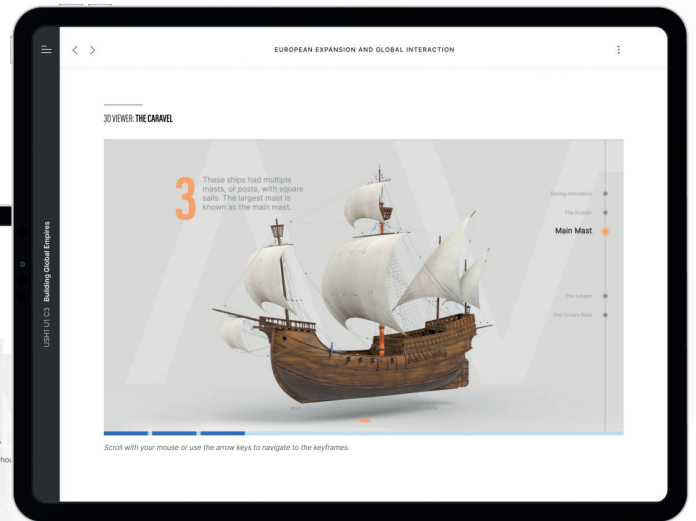
Beyond the innovative, absorbing video formats that grab students' attention, Traverse also includes a range of digital tools including 3-D objects, Time Tunnels, interactive maps, flipbooks, hotspots, interactive timelines, and more.



A Digital Environment to Promote Active and Engaged Learning

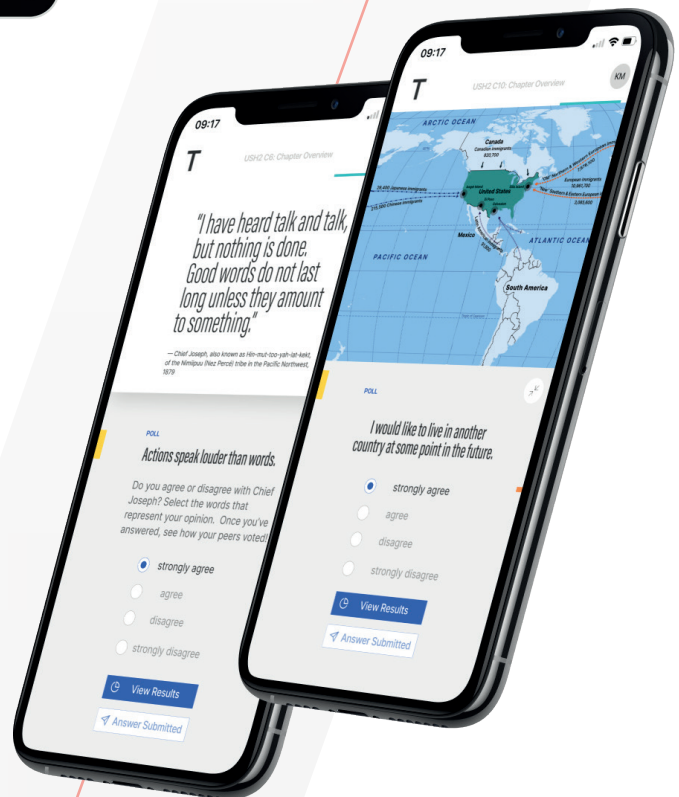
Digital Interactives

Get hands-on with technology that promotes active learning. Traverse digital interactives get your students thinking critically, analyzing, and taking part in lively classroom discussions.



Student Activities

Multiple student activities—word clouds, polls, graphic organizers, linear scales, and more—spark engagement and provide real-time results for teachers to remediate content on the go.



Echoes of Today's World

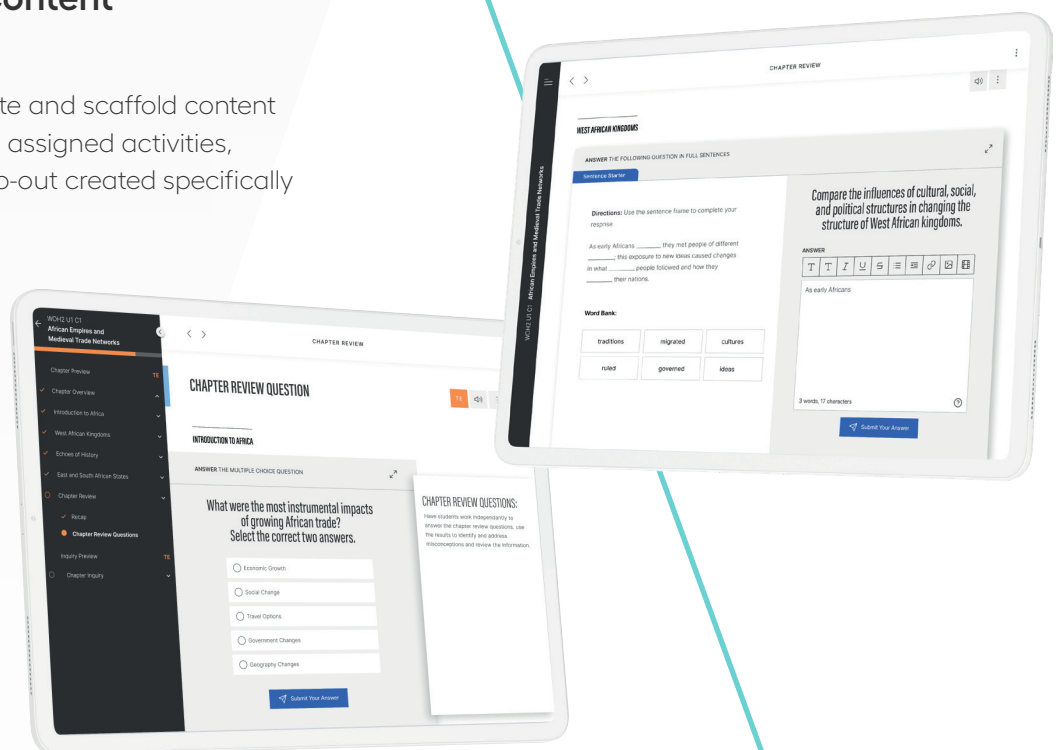
Echoes connect classroom content to the world today, helping students understand how the learning links to their lives.

Each chapter features an Echo, with background information and a Driving Question, and offers students the option of giving auditory, visual, or written responses.



Differentiate Digital Content for All Learners

Teachers can easily differentiate and scaffold content with a lower Lexile level. When assigned activities, students will see a scaffold pop-out created specifically for their group learning.

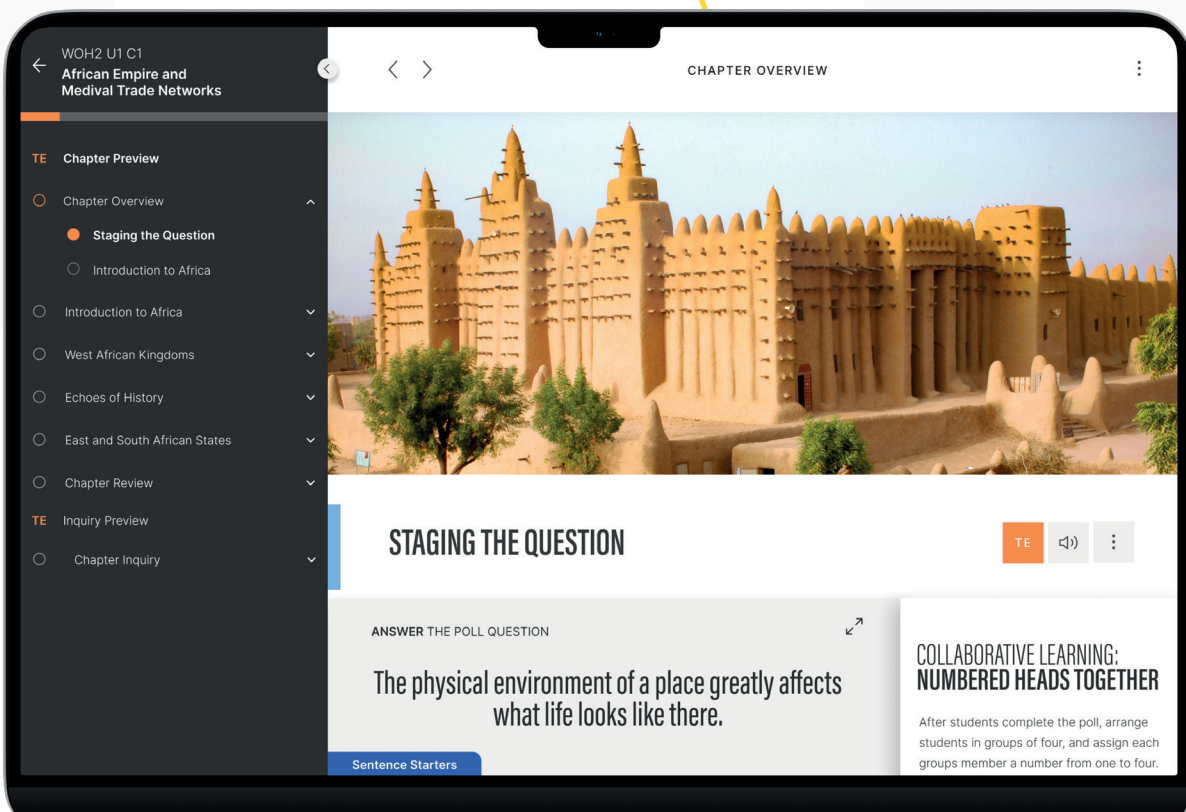


Powerful Tools to Support Every Teacher

Teacher Support in Print and Online

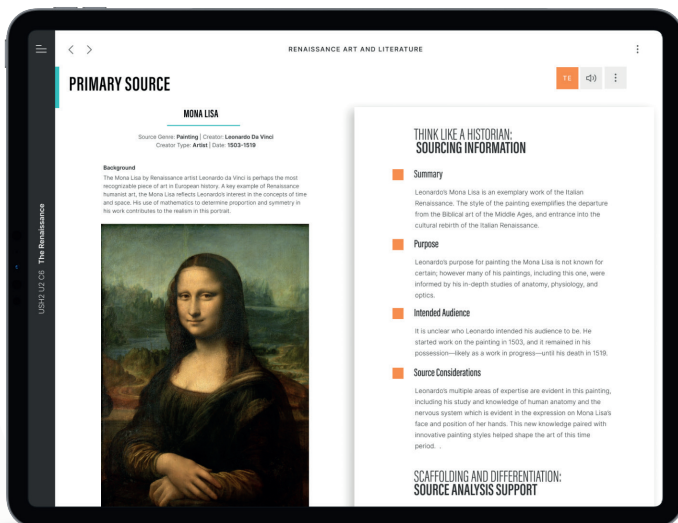
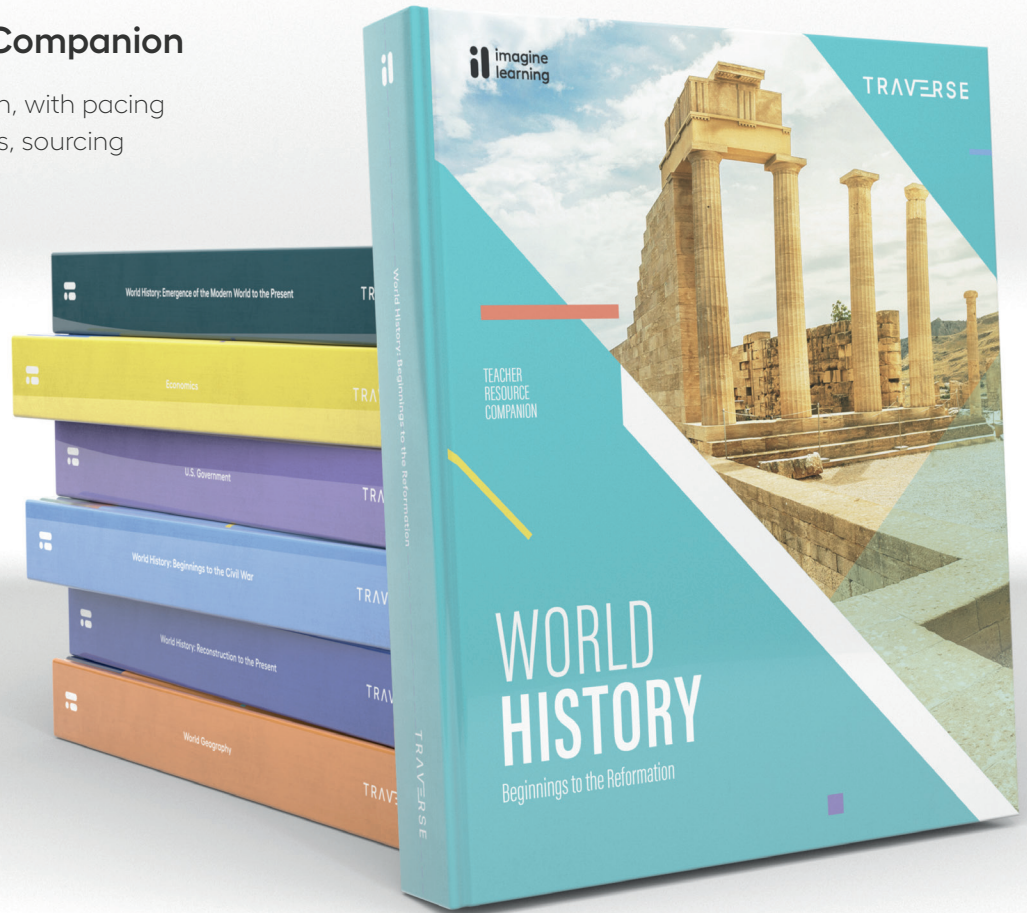
Comprehensive teacher support is available both in print and online. On the digital platform, the unique split-screen feature allows teachers to seamlessly access support materials within the platform, making them readily available at point of use. Pacing and planning support is also provided for each unit and chapter, helping teachers effectively plan lessons and ensure smooth implementation.

In addition, Traverse provides unparalleled implementation support, partnering with districts to ensure that teachers utilize the program in the most effective way possible. The Traverse teacher toolkit also includes scaffolding and differentiation options, empowering teachers to tailor the research experience based on the unique needs of their students.



The Teacher Resource Companion

Your playbook for implementation, with pacing suggestions, discussion questions, sourcing details, and more.



In-Depth Source Support

Each primary source includes detailed sourcing information—summaries, purposes, intended audiences, and considerations for use—providing teachers with valuable background information to effectively teach and discuss sources with confidence.

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