**Learning Resources for School Board Approval & Public Review: Social Studies**

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**Instructional Resources for Adoption**

These materials are intended to be primary learning resources for use in AP Human Geography and AP Micro Economics courses. They have not been adopted by the Virginia Department of Education. Per School Board Policy IIAA, staff has reviewed materials currently adopted by the Virginia Department of Education and have deemed these suggested resources to be better suited to the specific curricular goals of needs of Albemarle County Public Schools within these courses.

**Principles of Economics – 6th Edition for AP, 2012**

**N. Gregory Mankiw**

<http://www.cengage.com/search/productOverview.do?Ntt=5522134892282691320838926911398239984&N=4294950532&Ntk=P_EPI>

This central resource is recommended by the College Board for use in AP Economics courses. Recently updated, reviewing teachers found that this resource struck a balance between depth of content needed to convey the complex nature of modern economic factors and readability for students in their first high level course work in economics. The central resource can be supported by a digital subscription of ancillary materials for students that is Blackboard compatible. The teacher resource package includes interactive instructional strategies and supports for student preparation for the AP exam.

Reviewing teachers found that the student resource and companion teacher materials correlate well to both the AP Microeconomics curriculum and the Personal Finance Standards of Learning that teachers will integrate into the course. Clarity of information, readability, use of case studies, layout of text features, and relevance of visual / graphic organizers were noted as particular strengths of the resource.

**The Cultural Landscape: An Introduction to Human Geography – AP\* Edition, 2013**

**James M Rubenstein**

<http://www.mypearsonstore.com/bookstore/cultural-landscape-an-introduction-to-human-geography-0321831586>

This central resource is recommended by the College Board for use in AP Human Geography courses. Recently updated, reviewing teachers found that this resource provided a clear introduction to the discipline of Human Geography and a balanced discussion of complex and sensitive content topics. The central resource can be supported by a digital subscription of ancillary materials for students and teachers. The teacher resource package includes interactive instructional strategies and supports for student preparation for the AP exam.

Reviewing teachers found that the resource and companion teacher materials correlate well to the AP Human Geography scope and sequence in terms of major themes. Strengths of the resource include relevant examples and case studies as well as informative graphics and maps. While appropriate for a college level course, the resource is deemed to be readable and approachable for students.

**Instructional Resources for Board Approval**

These materials are aligned to World Geography, Economics and Personal Finance, AP Human Geography, and AP Micro Economics and Personal Finance courses. They have not been adopted by the Virginia Department of Education. Per School Board Policy IIAA, staff has reviewed materials currently adopted by the Virginia Department of Education and have deemed these suggested resources to be better suited to the specific curricular goals of needs of Albemarle County Public Schools within these courses. Schools may select these materials for use as needed based on existing resources and current needs.

**Geography Alive: Regions and People**

**Teachers’ Curriculum Institute**

<http://www.teachtci.com/programs/high-school/geography-alive-textbook/regions-and-people/index.html>

Geography Alive is a case study based resource developed in partnership with the National Council for Geographic Education. The resource supports interactive and engaging instructional strategies while providing appropriate content for an introductory course. The resource is available as a digital subscription that provides a range of accessibility tools from read aloud options to translation services that support English Language Learners. The teacher subscription provides flexible instructional resources that can be differentiated to meet the needs of students and provide engaging instruction.

**Economics Alive: The Power Choose**

**Teachers’ Curriculum Institute**

[**http://www.teachtci.com/programs/high-school/econ-alive-textbook/the-power-to-choose/**](http://www.teachtci.com/programs/high-school/econ-alive-textbook/the-power-to-choose/)

Economics Alive is an introductory resource that provides resources for simulations and hands on activities to build an understanding of economic principles as applied to real world examples. The resource is available as a digital subscription that provides a range of accessibility tools from read aloud options to translation services that support English Language Learners. The teacher subscription provides flexible instructional resources that can be differentiated to meet the needs of students and provide engaging instruction.

**The Introductory Reader in Human Geography: Contemporary Debates and Classic Writings**

**Ancillary Resource**

**William G. Moseley, David A. Lanegran, and Kavita Pandit**

<http://www.wiley.com/WileyCDA/WileyTitle/productCd-EHEP001013.html>

This companion reader for use in AP Human Geography provides students with an introduction to a range of essays from geographers with a variety of perspectives. The resource allows students to delve into greater levels of complexity within the introductory survey course. The essays also provide examples of academic argument and study in the discipline of human geography. Companion resources are recommended by the College Board for AP courses.

**Advanced Placement Economics: Microeconomics Student Activities Workbook**

**Council for Economic Education**

[**http://store.councilforeconed.org/showItem.aspx?product=0568&session=2F8956368971422D830E1D40013EFD6D**](http://store.councilforeconed.org/showItem.aspx?product=0568&session=2F8956368971422D830E1D40013EFD6D)

This companion resource is suggested by the College Board to support student application of economic principles in real world case studies. Application activities and assessment items prepare students for the AP exam.