

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

NCSS Standards/Skills

- **Standard:** Study diverse cultures.
Skill: Compare world cultures.
- **Standard:** Consider continuity and changes that occur over time.
Skill: Use time lines.
- **Standard:** Study interactions between people and their environments.
Skills: Interpret and analyze maps.
- **Standard:** Understand individual development and identity.
Skill: Interview someone who has lived through a historic event.
- **Standard:** Learn how individuals, groups, and institutions interact.
Skill: Analyze the role of government, institutions, and individuals.
- **Standard:** Understand structures of power, authority, and governance.
Skill: Study historical documents.
- **Standard:** Learn about production, distribution, and consumption.
Skill: Analyze charts and graphs.
- **Standard:** Learn how science and technology affect society.
Skill: Analyze infographics.
- **Standard:** Make global connections.
Skill: Identify patterns of interdependence.
- **Standard:** Understand civic ideals and practices.
Skill: Debate civic ideals.

NCGE Standards/Skills

- **Standard:** Use maps to acquire information.
Skill: Identify countries in the news.
- **Standard:** Analyze the spatial organization of people and places.
Skill: Map distance and direction.
- **Standard:** Understand the physical characteristics of places.
Skill: Read topographical maps.
- **Standard:** Understand regional differences.
Skill: Differentiate world regions.
- **Standard:** Understand Earth's physical processes.
Skill: Identify resources.
- **Standard:** Use geography to interpret the past.
Skill: Analyze historical maps.
- **Standard:** Learn how cooperation and conflict influence global divisions.
Skill: Interpret political maps.
- **Standard:** Understand human settlement patterns.
Skill: Map country demographics.
- **Standard:** Learn how culture influences perception of places.
Skill: Compare world cultures.
- **Standard:** Understand how human actions modify the environment.
Skills: Identify and describe geographic changes in landscape.

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, and test comprehension.
- **Standard:** Apply reading strategies to comprehend and evaluate texts.
Skill: Define words in context.
- **Standard:** Adjust language to communicate with different audiences for different purposes.
Skills: Analyze news cartoons and write opinion columns.
- **Standard:** Apply knowledge of language structure and conventions.
Skills: Analyze media techniques; distinguish fact from opinion.
- **Standard:** Gather, evaluate, and synthesize data from different sources.
Skills: Research issues in the news; participate in weekly classroom research contests.
- **Standard:** Participate as knowledgeable, reflective community members.
Skill: Take part in weekly debates.
- **Standard:** Use language to communicate effectively or to persuade.
Skill: Write letters to the editor.
- **Standard:** Understand the many dimensions of human experience.
Skill: Write journal entries.