Example of an annotated review of a content-area professional organizations


- The National Council for the Social Studies is an organization dedicated to supporting teachers of all areas of Social Studies in elementary through college. Membership includes publications and discounts on conferences as well as bulletins. Non-members have access to plenty of information on their website including articles, book lists and standards for social studies. I included a social studies component in many units I developed as a teacher of reading. I used NCSS resources to develop quality lessons that linked social studies concepts with literacy development. For this case study, I used NCSS position statements to back up my middle school curriculum map and resources to develop quality lessons that linked social studies concepts with literacy development.

Examples of an annotated bibliography of resources:


This article offered important suggestions for integrating math and literacy activities in elementary and middle school. Aside from offering suggestions for a more effective elementary school math curriculum, the authors describe the benefits of having students reiterate their math learning in their writing along with pictures and diagrams. The benefits and suggestions for this kind of integration were applied to the creation of curriculum maps at the high school level.


NSTA supports the use of scientific inquiry, “diverse ways in which scientists study the natural world and propose explanations based on the evidence” (NSTA, 2004) for the teaching of
science. “Scientific inquiry is a powerful way of understanding science content. Students learn how to ask questions and use evidence to answer them” (NSTA). I used this position statement to develop my introduction to the high school curriculum map.