

May 14, 2020

Dear International Assembly (IA) Members,

National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) has been generously awarded grant funding from the Library of Congress as part of the Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS) program. Under this grant, NCSS is partnering with the Library of Congress to develop digital resources for use in teacher candidate programs to demonstrate the effectiveness of teaching with primary sources and the [College, Career, and Civic Life \("C3"\) Framework's Inquiry Arc](#).

We are creating two online methods texts entitled *Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources to Prepare Students for College, Career, and Civic Life*. One text is designed for K-6 elementary methods courses and the other text for 6-12 secondary methods courses. The texts will be joint publications of NCSS and the Library of Congress. To ensure the effectiveness of each text for social studies methods programs, NCSS seeks methods professors to provide feedback on draft chapters in development, to inform subsequent revisions by the authors. The final versions of each text will be posted on the NCSS website and be available free of charge in 2022.

As IA members, you are invited to apply to serve as a draft online text reviewer of either the Elementary K-6 Edition or the Secondary 6-12 Edition. **Space is limited to 25 participants per text.** A \$500 stipend will be provided to each reviewer in appreciation for their time and expertise upon submission of online feedback.

Review Dates:

- Monday, August 3: Current draft texts will be sent online to selected participants.
- Monday, August 17: A morning webconference meeting (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern time) will be held with all participants and TPS project coordinators and editors. All feedback is due by this date.

If you are able to meet the time commitments listed above, we invite you to apply now! [Please submit your application online](#). Please include a current CV and the desired text (Elementary K-6 Edition or Secondary 6-12 Edition) you would like to review. Reviewers selected must have demonstrated experience teaching social studies methods in the grade band desired for text review, and be current NCSS members. Please reply by Monday, June 15, 2020 at 11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time to be considered. Applicants will be informed of their selection status by Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

If you are unable to participate in online review this summer, there will be special sessions at future NCSS Annual Conferences and webinars available starting this year. These sessions and webinars will provide additional opportunities for methods professors to share feedback in these texts under development and learn strategies to teach inquiry using primary source documents from the Library of Congress. A complete resource collection of the online methods texts, professional development content,

and webinars will be free to the general public in the NCSS Digital Library at www.socialstudies.org upon completion of the project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lpaska@ncss.org, or via phone at 301-850-7541. Please share this message widely with your networks. We hope to see you this summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Paska". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "L" and a stylized "P".

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