WorldView Software
Social Studies Software Series

An introduction to WorldView’s interactive workbook-style digital textbook
WHAT IS WORLDVIEW SOFTWARE?
Fully comprehensive and interactive student instruction without a printed textbook

- Interactive learning tool
  - Beyond text & questions: linear content structure to lead the student through the course like a textbook. But as software, its design includes the flexibility of networked instructional segments – both internally to other parts of the program and externally via the Internet. This permits easy cross-referencing of material at the click of the mouse.
  - Differentiated instruction accommodates different styles of learning (auditory, visual, kinesthetic) with avenues of instruction appropriate for regular, gifted, and special needs students.

- Comprehensive web-based curriculum
  - Fully correlated to state and national standards, including the National Common Core Standards.
  - Self-contained curriculum, eliminates the need for textbooks/workbooks for students and teachers.
  - As an interactive workbook-style electronic textbook, learners’ responses are stored “in the cloud” and are accessible anytime from any computer.
WorldView’s comprehensive titles span middle school and high school social studies curriculum

• Products for grades 6 – 12
  • Middle School
    • Basic American History I: Pre-Columbian Years to Reconstruction
    • Basic American History II: Post-Civil War America to the Present
    • Civics: An Interactive Approach
    • World Geography: An Interactive Approach
  
  • High School
    • American History I: Period of Exploration to Reconstruction
    • American History II: Post-Civil War America to the Present
    • U.S. Government: An Interactive Approach
    • World History A: Early Civilizations to the Mid-1800s
    • World History B: Mid-1800s to the Present
    • European History: An Interactive Approach
    • Economics: An Interactive Approach
    • Civics: An Interactive Approach
    • World Geography: An Interactive Approach
Awards & Accolades

• Current and previous versions of our products have won a multitude of awards, including the CODiE Award, Distinguish Achievement Awards, EDDIE Awards, BESSIE Awards, and Media and Methods Awards Portfolio. (See [http://www.worldviewsoftware.com/awards_and_press](http://www.worldviewsoftware.com/awards_and_press).)

• Approved or pending status for use of WorldView products as a textbook across several states.

• Previous (in partnership with Plato Learning) and current versions of WorldView Software have been used by tens of thousands of schools nationwide.

  • "I have used the WorldView Software packages as a teacher and now as an administrator of a large alternative education program in Western New York. The software allows our teachers to individualize academic intervention for each student. It also creates a pressure-free environment for kids that may have been left behind in their traditional schools."
    
    *Gary D. Braun, Principal, Southtowns Academy, NY*

  • "I love the software [Basic American History I]. It does more for my students than any software I have used. My students use a handheld voting device to answer questions which report in graph form. It is easy to determine if they understand or need reteaching. Thank You!"
    
    *Marshall Mooney, Morgan County Schools, Decatur, AL*
HOW IS WORLDVIEW ORGANIZED AND STRUCTURED?
Homepage

- All WorldView products use the same template which allows for teacher and student ease-of-use across various titles.

- The homepage is where the students start using their WorldView Software curriculum. The colorful icons are gateways to different ways to use the product, including several filters for viewing content: chapters, resources, and themes. All are accessible from anywhere in the program.
- The slides to follow take a closer look at each of these filters.
“Chapters” Filter: organized similar to the content of a textbook

- Clicking on the **Chapters** icon takes you to the Chapters Menu.

- All the chapters in the program are located here, organized linearly like a traditional print textbook. By working their way through a chapter’s activities, students can completely cover all of the content that is associated with a particular chapter, just as in a traditional textbook.
“Resources” Filter: organized by different types of activities & resources

- Clicking on the **Resources** icon takes you to the Resources Menu.
- The Resources filter allows the design of differentiated, individualized instruction – an excellent tool for teachers who want to quickly access material for use as an in-class supplement.
  - For example, the art gallery images can be used to spark classroom discussion and debate.
- Students can use the Resources filter when they want to practice a particular format intensively, or when they need remediation in a particular skill.
  - For example, all the documents and study questions in the program can be accessed simultaneously through this filter, making it a good choice for enrichment, independent study, or test preparation.
“Themes” Filter: organized according to thematic social studies concepts

• Clicking on the **Themes** icon takes you to the Themes Menu.
• These themes are not large enough to warrant full chapter treatment, but are distinct, recurring, and unifying ideas.
  • For example, clicking on the “Origins and Development of Government” theme from the graphic organizer (in WorldView’s World History A program), gathers all the materials associated with that theme. This allows a sort of “visual memory” so students can easily create mental maps and follow paths to find the same content in a subsequent session.
• There are two types of themes: material that appears throughout the program due to its nature, and material that is included because it was added to fill a requirement for a particular state’s standards.
HOW IS WORLDVIEW USED?
**Versatility: a Watchword for WorldView**

Just as WorldView’s content must change as today’s current events become tomorrow’s history, so must the software grow as the technology evolves and teaching methods adapt.

Depending on the need, WorldView is a:

- **Comprehensive digital textbook** – a replacement for the printed version – to be used in school or at home.
- **Supplementary tool** to help students catch up, or for credit recovery – either in the lab or self-paced.
- **Test-prep program**, with many hundreds of questions with mini-lessons per program.
- **Teacher’s classroom tool**, with display content for
  - Discussion
    - Source documents, maps, graphs, art
    - Study questions (with clickers)
  - Instruction
    - Essay-writing: guided essays
    - Group or individual projects
Teacher Materials

- WorldView Software allows teachers to conduct both formative and summative assessments, because it does not rely solely on multiple-choice testing, but also incorporates short-answer questions, essays, and research skill-building projects. By the end of the course, students have built a rich and diversified portfolio.
- Each WorldView product comes with a Curriculum Guide and Teacher’s Guide which includes information about course content, instructional suggestions, and assignment sheets.
- The teacher receives a Teacher’s version with Answer Key.
- The Management System will allow administrators to create classes, assign a Teacher account, and add, delete, or transfer students. Teachers may create class reports and access individual student work.
WHAT ARE WORLDVIEW’S FEATURES?
Chapter Content

- The resources for each chapter include narrative overviews, study questions (with mini-lessons), practice tests, a glossary, annotated biographies, a chronology, and additional material (most of which includes writing assignments), including: Art, Maps, Charts/Graphs, Documents, Case Studies, Essays, Tutorials, Projects, and Internet Projects.

Left-hand navigation pane to access chapter resources

At any time, click on the bottom row of icons to go to another part of the product.
Chapter Overviews

• Similar to a traditional textbook, the Overviews contain fully comprehensive text and graphics for each chapter. (When clicked, the graphics pop-up in a new window.)

• However, unlike a traditional textbook, each chapter includes:
  • **Questions for thought** that are interspersed throughout the text to help focus reading skills
  • **Hyperlinks** to material both within and outside of the product that open a new tab (i.e., notable people, documents, Internet projects, etc.)
  • **Sound files** of the text, which are included in the overviews to assist auditory learners, ESL students, and those with viewing impairments.

• Search function enables students to quickly find information contained in the product.
• Tabbed browsing allows students to quickly flip back and forth while keeping their place in the Overviews.
Study Questions

- A means of formative instruction, WorldView offers hundreds of study questions per title:
  - Factual: tests recall of the text, with simpler explanations to engage weaker students
  - Conceptual: tests higher-order thinking, with on-grade explanations for stronger students
  - Chronological: give students a sense of time and perspective on historical events
  - Graphical: interpretation of graphs, charts, and maps.
- The answer comes in the form of a mini-lesson that contains additional information to that found in the overview. Study sessions allow students two tries at a correct answer, and provide the explanation both times, thus giving students the incentive and motivation to read the answer and get it right.
- Study questions break up the chapter into small, manageable bites that make it easier for challenged students to focus, read, and retain – an alternate mechanism for learning.
- Students can “tag” difficult questions to return to later. All answers are stored “in the cloud.”
Tutorials

- Tutorials examine events or trends by highlighting key and pivotal developments.
- Each tutorial provides an introductory overview and step-by-step exploration of the events and/or concepts that comprise the tutorial subject.
- The tutorials include short-answer questions along with an essay question to strengthen students’ analytical and interpretive skills.
- In addition to tutorials based on the products’ curriculum, each product includes tutorials on How to Write an Essay, How to Use the Internet, and Data Use, Visualization, and Analysis.
Case Studies

- Case studies provide an in-depth study of a topic or theme, such as highlighting historical “turning points.”
- The case studies include short-answer questions to strengthen research and problem-solving skills.
- Case studies allow stronger students to delve deeper into the subject matter.
Primary Documents

• Each program has an abundance of original texts selected from historic documents (and some secondary sources) to give students first-hand accounts of history (ex: Lend-Lease Act, Analects of Confucius, etc.).
• Each document has a thorough introduction which provides background information and places the document within its historical context.
• The primary documents include document-based-questions (DBQs) for analysis.
Art, Graphs & Charts, and Maps

• These activities allow for cross-disciplinary areas of study, requiring students to apply perceptual, analytic, and writing skills.
• **Art**: the art gallery contains several important works of art, portraits, cartoons, photographs as well as other images illustrating the time period. Each has an introduction and image-based questions.
• **Graphs & Charts**: each program contains line graphs, pie graphs, and charts to strengthen students’ skills in interpreting graphs and tables. Each graph or chart has an introduction and graph or chart-based questions.
• **Maps**: the maps were specifically designed for junior and high school students. Each map has an introduction and map-based questions.
• As with all short-answer and essay questions, students type their answers in the blank field and the program saves their work “in the cloud.” All images enlarge when clicked upon.
Essays

- Essays are a multidisciplinary activity which teaches important outlining and writing skills.
- The program offers guided as well as non-guided essay activities:
  - **Guided essay:** helps students find each essay’s central theme, distinguishes the main idea from supporting ideas, and provides guidance and a sample essay.
  - **Non-guided essay:** challenges students to structure their essay by breaking the essay down into thesis and supporting argument fields.
- There is an “How to Write an Essay” link to a tutorial which explains how to write an essay, including suggestions in thinking about an essay’s thesis, support, body, conclusion, and the importance of proofreading and the gravity of plagiarism.
Projects

• Projects bring perspective to ideas and themes and provide real-life application to social studies topics. Projects teach research, writing, and problem-solving skills.
• Projects include a thorough introduction and clear instruction.
Internet Projects

- Internet Projects are structured lessons that explore a topic in-depth, using curated links to documents and images on the Internet.
- This type of activity is more suited to advanced students, or as enrichment for regular students.
- The “Internet Research Primer” provides valuable tips for using search engines and evaluating the results critically.
Chronology

- The Chronology summarizes important events, and develops the students’ sense of time.
- The Chronology may be selected as a chapter resource via the Chapter Screen, or by clicking on the Chronology tab in the Resource Menu.
- Unlike a traditional textbook, WorldView’s Chronology is continually updated to reflect current world events (ex: Barack Obama’s second term, etc.).
Glossary

- Each chapter comes with its own **glossary of terms** with definitions written especially for junior and senior high school social studies students. There are hundreds of glossary entries per product.
- Glossaries may be selected as a chapter resource via the **Chapter Screen**, or by clicking on the Glossaries tab in the **Resources Menu**.
- The Glossary tab in the Resources Menu provides access to the Master Glossary (all terms throughout the entire product) as well as individual Chapter Glossaries.
Notable People

• Each program provides over 200 biographical sketches of notable people (early life, education, historical significance), organized alphabetically.

• The list of Notable People may be selected as a chapter resource via the Chapter Screen, or by clicking on the Notable People tab in the Resources Menu.

• Similar to the chronology, WorldView’s Notable People are continually updated to reflect relevant contemporary figures (ex: Hillary Clinton).
Practice Tests

• When finished with the material in the chapter, students can take a practice test to test the amount of material they have retained – or as a pretest to see which topics they need to study.

• A form of summative assessment, practice tests are similar to study questions, but they only allow one attempt, and do not have explanations.

• Similar to the study questions, students can “tag” difficult questions to return to later. All answers are stored “in the cloud.”
Search, Progress Tracker, and Help Features

• Clicking on the **Search** icon brings up a search dialog box. Students can search for terms using key words or phrases, and the results will be displayed in a new tab. The tab stays open until it is closed, retaining all search results.

• Clicking the **Progress Tracker** icon will allow the teacher and student to track the completion status of assignments.

• Clicking on the **Help** icon displays the help menu, which offers more detailed assistance in using the program.
WHY USE WORLDVIEW?
Advantages of WorldView Software

• Ease of access and use
  • Any computer/tablet with Internet access
  • Easy sign up
  • No textbooks/worksheets to carry
  • Accommodates a variety of learning styles
• Subscription-based account
  • Unique login
  • Available to all students simultaneously, 24/7
  • Saves all user data/progress
• Never out of date
  • Chronology, notable people, documents, etc.
• Compliance with Social Studies Standards
  • National Common Core Standards
  • State Standards: Visit our Web site: www.worldviewsoftware.com/products to download state correlations