

Holt Social Studies Textbooks Made for Texas!

New Series Is First Step to Student Success

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Holt, Rinehart and Winston announced today the release of their Texas social studies textbook series, both print and online, for grades six through 12. Books in the Holt series include: Texas!; Call to Freedom; People, Places and Change; World Geography Today; World History: The Human Journey; The American Nation in the Modern Era; American Government; Economics; Sociology and Psychology.

"Holt is pleased to offer this excellent series, customized to meet the needs of Texas teachers and students," said Holt President, Judy Fowler. "This series meets Texas TEKS, is available online, and offers countless technology resources that are specific to Texas history and geography."

The Texas social studies series is designed specifically to align with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), using text questions linked to TEKS skills. Middle school Spanish editions and support materials for all grades are also available to meet the needs of the large Spanish-speaking population in Texas. A CD-ROM based teacher management system, which complements the series, is also available.

As with all Holt textbooks, the Texas social studies series provides a special Internet support site for Texas teachers and students. The site offers TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) preparation materials, assessment rubrics, current events, online templates, and an extensive catalog of reference materials and toolkits. Students using the site will have access to customized Homework Practice Online, the Holt Researcher, the Holt Online Grapher, and countless reference materials and self-assessment tools.

In-text prompts direct students to CNNfyi/CNN Student News -- Holt is the only major textbook company to include this current events research tool. The texts are specifically designed to enhance reading skills and have reading aids, which allow the teacher to monitor the students' work in print and online.

Holt featured its Online Learning textbook series, including the Texas-specific editions, at the recent National Educational Computing Conference held in San Antonio on June 17-19, 2002. In addition to print and online textbooks for social studies, Holt publishes teaching resources as well as multimedia curricula, teacher planning tools such as the One Stop Planner(R) with Test Generator, and CD-ROM products for other middle and high school disciplines.

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