



SOCIAL STUDIES  
**TECHBOOK**

Question the Past. Understand the Present.

# 10-Step Navigation Guide

## for California



# Navigating Social Studies Techbook in 10 Easy Steps

## STEP 1

### Sign In

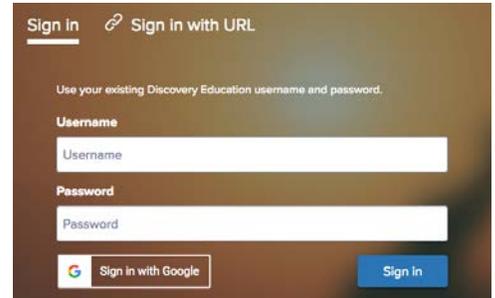
Go to [DiscoveryEducation.com](https://DiscoveryEducation.com). Select "Sign In" and input username and password.

#### TEACHER

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#### STUDENT

Username: **CASSStudent**; Password: **discovery**



## STEP 2

### Select Social Studies Techbook

Select "Social Studies Techbook" under the "My DE Services" drop down menu.



## STEP 3

### Navigate to your desired Social Studies Techbook

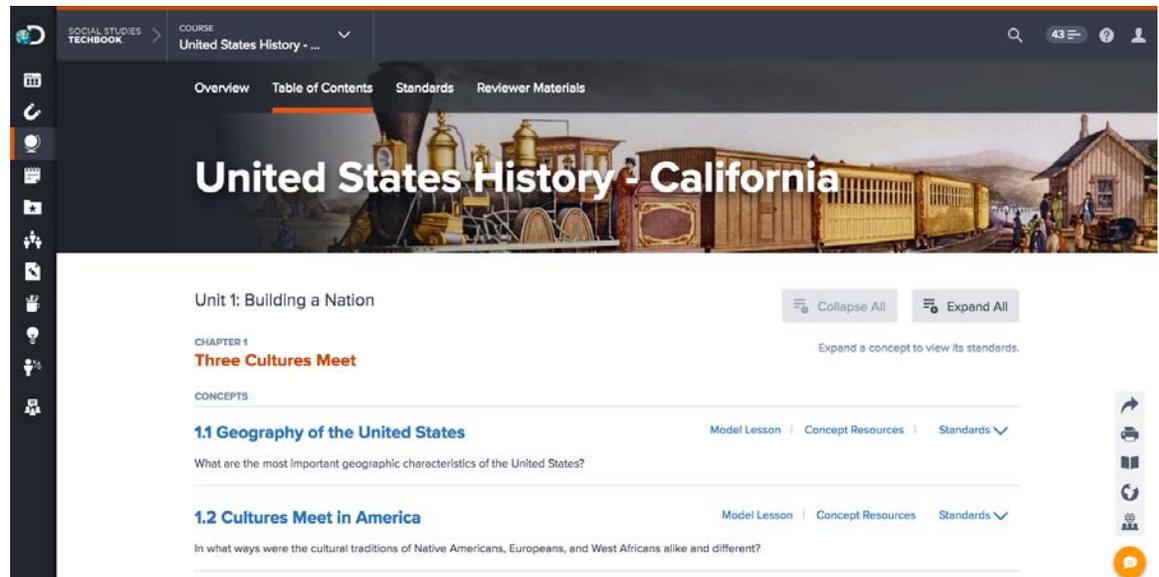
If your school or district has access to more than one Social Studies Techbook, you will need to select the specific Techbook under the "Switch Course" drop down menu.



## STEP 4

**Select a Unit and Chapter of Study**

Click the “Table of Contents” tab to review all of the available units of study and corresponding chapters for the course. Click on the desired concept title to continue to the student resources.



SOCIAL STUDIES TECHBOOK

COURSE  
United States History - ...

Overview Table of Contents Standards Reviewer Materials

# United States History - California

Unit 1: Building a Nation Collapse All Expand All

CHAPTER 1  
**Three Cultures Meet** Expand a concept to view its standards.

CONCEPTS

**1.1 Geography of the United States** Model Lesson | Concept Resources | Standards ▼

What are the most important geographic characteristics of the United States?

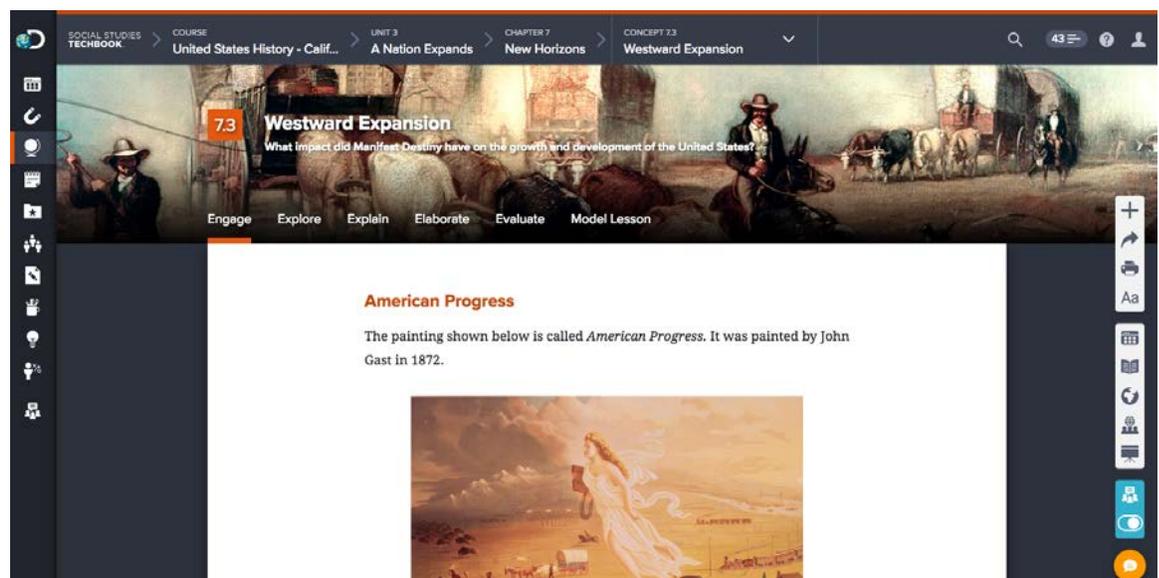
**1.2 Cultures Meet in America** Model Lesson | Concept Resources | Standards ▼

In what ways were the cultural traditions of Native Americans, Europeans, and West Africans alike and different?

## STEP 5

**Begin with the Engage Tab**

The “Engage” tab provides provocative questions that encourage students to reflect upon what they already know about each concept and articulate their opinions. These activities lead into the essential questions and hook students into the content.



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COURSE  
United States History - Calif...

UNIT 3  
A Nation Expands

CHAPTER 7  
New Horizons

CONCEPT 7.3  
Westward Expansion

## 7.3 Westward Expansion

What impact did Manifest Destiny have on the growth and development of the United States?

Engage Explore Explain Elaborate Evaluate Model Lesson

### American Progress

The painting shown below is called *American Progress*. It was painted by John Gast in 1872.



## STEP 6

**Click the Explore Tab**

The “Explore” tab provides students with the “core interactive text.” The text has multiple differentiation options in the upper right corner including text size, reading level, and the ability to toggle to a Spanish language version. “Explore” also contains interactive activities that check for understanding and apply what they have learned.

The screenshot shows the Social Studies Techbook interface. The top navigation bar includes 'SOCIAL STUDIES TECHBOOK', 'COURSE United States History - Calif...', 'UNIT 3 A Nation Expands', 'CHAPTER 7 New Horizons', and 'CONCEPT 7.3 Westward Expansion'. The main content area features a large image of a cowboy herding cattle. Below the image, the 'Explore' tab is selected, and the text reads: '7.3 Westward Expansion What impact did Manifest Destiny have on the growth and development of the United States?'. Below this text, there is a section titled 'Manifest Destiny' with the question 'What was Manifest Destiny and what impact did it have on the United States in the mid-1800s?'. A graphic organizer activity is displayed below, titled 'Westward Expansion: Roots of Manifest Destiny' with the description 'You will complete this graphic organizer examining the political, social, and economic roots of Manifest Destiny.' The interface includes various navigation and utility icons on the left and right sides.

## STEP 7

**Click the Explain Tab**

The “Explain” tab provides students with opportunities to sharpen and clarify their understanding of content, including visualization activities, graphic organizers, and short writing assignments. Students can submit their responses electronically for many of the activities in Social Studies Techbook.

The screenshot shows the Social Studies Techbook interface with the 'Explain' tab selected. The top navigation bar is the same as in the previous screenshot. The main content area features a large image of a cowboy herding cattle. Below the image, the 'Explain' tab is selected, and the text reads: '7.3 Westward Expansion What impact did Manifest Destiny have on the growth and development of the United States?'. Below this text, there is a section titled 'Explain Activities' with the instruction 'Select an activity below to summarize and analyze what you have learned so far.' Three activity cards are displayed: 'Westward Expansion' (Mind Map activity), 'Westward Expansion' (Visualization activity), and 'Social Studies Explanation: Westward Expansion' (Template activity). The interface includes various navigation and utility icons on the left and right sides.

## STEP 8

## Click the Elaborate Tab

The “Elaborate” tab provides students with in-depth activities that explore civic discourse, debate, and engagement. Students also have access to related primary and secondary text and multimedia sources.

The screenshot shows the Social Studies Techbook interface for the topic 'Westward Expansion'. The breadcrumb trail is: SOCIAL STUDIES TECHBOOK > COURSE United States History - Calif... > UNIT 3 A Nation Expands > CHAPTER 7 New Horizons > CONCEPT 7.3 Westward Expansion. The main heading is '7.3 Westward Expansion' with the sub-heading 'What impact did Manifest Destiny have on the growth and development of the United States?'. Below the heading are tabs for 'Engage', 'Explore', 'Explain', 'Elaborate' (which is selected), 'Evaluate', and 'Model Lesson'. Under the 'Elaborate' tab, there are numbered tabs 1 through 6 and a 'Source Library' link. The main content area is titled 'Elaborate Activities' and contains the text: 'Select an activity to dig deeper into the topic or create your own activity from the sources provided.' Below this text are three preview images: two of a domed building and one of a 'VOLUNTEERS!' sign.

## STEP 9

## Click the Evaluate Tab

The “Evaluate” tab includes multimedia review flashcards, a tool for student reflection, and summative assessments. The assessments include selected, brief and extended constructed response items.

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STEP 10

Explore Global News and Techbook Atlas

Students can click on “Global News” or “Techbook Atlas” at anytime on any screen of Social Studies Techbook, located in the upper right corner. Global News links to Discovery Education’s “Global Wrap” series, which is a weekly video to help students understand current events. The “Techbook Atlas” is interactive, allowing students to toggle between many atlas features.

