



# What's New in Grades 3-4?

FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27

*Previously available only in pilot form, DESE's Investigating History curriculum will be fully published in Grades 3 and 4 for the first time in School Year 2026-27. Pilot materials have been revised to include:*



## UPDATES TO UNIT CONTENT

Revisions to unit content and lesson logistics reflect feedback from content experts and 150+ pilot educators.



## STREAMLINED FORMATTING

New formatting aligns to current Grades 5-7 materials and increases clarity and accessibility. Materials will be available in a variety of formats, including Google Docs, PDFs, and printed versions.



## INCREASED SCAFFOLDS AND SUPPORTS

New features include scaffolded versions of key activities, differentiated lesson-level look-fors and strategies for multilingual learners, and Language and Literacy builders to support key language functions.



## MORE END-OF-UNIT SYNTHESIS

Units now include a Unit Synthesis lesson focused on the unit essential question and an optional Content Assessment to supplement summative performance tasks.

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