

## Effective Professional Development



Less than one in four educators in the United States report that the professional development they receive for social studies instruction is very sufficient or excellent. This gap highlights a critical need for targeted, high-quality support in the field of social studies education. Thinking Nation is working to change this statistic by offering professional development that is meaningful, practical, and tailored specifically to the needs of social studies educators. We are one of only a few organizations that has developed social studies specific professional development!

At the core of our approach is a comprehensive, four-tiered implementation system designed to identify key areas where teachers can grow and thrive. Each tier represents a different level of engagement and support, allowing schools and districts to meet

educators where they are and provide resources that align with their specific goals. Whether it's foundational support for new teachers or advanced training for experienced educators, our model ensures that all social studies instructors have access to the tools, strategies, and collaborative opportunities they need to improve their craft and foster historical thinking in the classroom.