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To the Teacher

For many teachers, social studies instruction is centered on the history, economics, geography, government, and cultures of their community. These teachers focus on the unique systems and relationships that exist within their community. Few materials are available to guide community instruction and research. *Houghton Mifflin Social Studies* provides teachers and students with community handbooks that make social studies education through the lens of their community a success.

Community Handbooks in *Houghton Mifflin Social Studies*

Houghton Mifflin Social Studies integrates community research throughout the components of the program.

Student Book and Teacher's Edition

- **Unit Handbook** These activity pages close each unit of the Student Edition with a research activity. These handbook pages guide student's research of an important community-centered topic. The research activities focus on Culture, Economics, Geography, Government, and History.
- **Teacher's Edition** Comprehension questions and research strategies found in the Teacher's Edition support the learning on Unit Handbook.

Using *My Community Handbook*

My Community Handbook is an activity book that provides students with research instruction, tips, and guiding questions that direct the research of the community-based activities in the Student Edition. The handbook pages not only offer students direction and guidance, but a work space where they can record the results of their research through short answer questions and drawing activities.