



## FAQ

If you have questions, please contact the LDOE via email at [classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov](mailto:classroomsupporttoolbox@la.gov).

### **Q: What is Bayou Bridges?**

A: The Louisiana Department of Education and the non-profit [Core Knowledge Foundation](#)<sup>®</sup> created *Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum* through a partnership from 2022 through 2024. The materials are designed to align with the student expectations of the [2022 K-8 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies](#) (LSSSS) and were created using criteria similar to the quality indicators of the [instructional materials review rubric](#). Further, these materials advance [Louisiana Literacy](#) by building explicit content knowledge and disciplinary literacy. All units emphasize primary sources and were reviewed by subject matter experts, typically university professors.

### **Q: When will Bayou Bridges materials be available?**

A: All 51 units of *Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Curriculum* are now complete and published for teacher and student use. Units are posted online for free download on both the [Louisiana Department of Education](#) and [Core Knowledge Foundation](#)<sup>®</sup> sites.

### **Q: Is Bayou Bridges a complete curriculum?**

A: Yes. Bayou Bridges is a complete curriculum and includes:

- Student readers: reusable, richly illustrated, and engagingly written,
- Primary sources: chosen to build knowledge and support student analysis,
- Teacher guides: with detailed lesson plans, activity page masters, assessments, and
- Editable slide decks: timeline cards to reinforce big ideas, chronology, and context.

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**Q: How do I order print materials?**

A: Core Knowledge is available to provide quotes and receive orders for printed materials for all units and grades. Please submit your requests for print materials as soon as possible to [LABayouBridges@coreknowledge.org](mailto:LABayouBridges@coreknowledge.org).

In your e-mail, include the following details:

- What grade(s) you are interested in
- The number of students and teachers for each grade
- Billing and shipping addresses
- Student and teacher quantities that belong to each shipping address
- Any other key information, such as recipient's name

See more about funding options below.

**Q: Is Bayou Bridges on the Tier 1 list?**

A: The *Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Curriculum* will not be reviewed and tiered through the [Instructional Materials Review](#) process because it was created in partnership with the LDOE using criteria similar to the quality indicators of the [instructional materials review rubric](#). This is equivalent to a Tier 1 rating.

However, there is an MOU between the LDOE and Core Knowledge for printing pricing. The contract number is 4400029426. The price list is posted in the [Curricular Resources library](#) under the Instructional Material Contract Pricing section ([Price List - Core Knowledge Foundation - Bayou Bridges - Social Studies Grades K-8](#)).

Print materials for *Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Curriculum* may be funded through [Super App](#) for qualifying schools.

**Q: Is Bayou Bridges the same as Core Knowledge Language Arts® (CKLA) or Core Knowledge History and Geography® (CKHG)?**

A: No. Bayou Bridges is an original curriculum created specifically to teach the 2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies.

**Q: What's in the student readers?**

A: The reusable Bayou Bridges student readers offer engagingly written text, framed by compelling questions, along with color illustrations, photographs, maps, primary source documents, vocabulary sidebars, and a glossary. Each student reader covers one grade-level unit.



**Q: What’s in the teacher guides?**

A: Bayou Bridges teacher guides will contain:

- resources for teachers to build their own content knowledge (detailed timelines, unit overviews, most important ideas at-a-glance)
- lists of core vocabulary (domain-specific vocabulary, phrases, and idioms)
- pacing guides and calendars
- detailed lesson plans with scaffolds that connect specific objectives to Louisiana state standards
- formative and summative assessments with scoring notes
- student-facing worksheets/activity pages (graphic organizers, maps, guided notes, vocabulary practice, and additional fiction and non-fiction excerpts)

**Q: What opportunities for professional learning will be available?**

A: Initial asynchronous professional learning modules to support grade 4 and grade 5 social studies teachers are available under the professional learning section of the [Bayou Bridges page](#). These modules support teachers in understanding the design and key features of Bayou Bridges and utilize a unit study tool to support initial curriculum implementation.

School leaders should consult the [Professional Learning Partner Guide](#) for information on Bayou Bridges professional learning partners.

**Q: Will there be an online curriculum for Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies?**

A: Kiddom, a high-quality instructional materials publishing partner, plans to create a digital version of Bayou Bridges. For more information please visit [Kiddom](#).

**Q: Will the primary sources/questions/text in Bayou Bridges be on the LEAP Assessment?**

LEAP items must remain secure to protect their validity. Although Bayou Bridges and the LEAP assessment are both aligned to the Louisiana Student Standards for Social Studies, secure test items are not consulted or reviewed during curriculum development.

For information on the LEAP assessment, please see the posted [Social Studies Assessment Guidance](#) and reach out to [assessment@la.gov](mailto:assessment@la.gov) with any questions.



**Q: Why is some of the content in Bayou Bridges different from the course frameworks? Which one should I use?**

A: Any differences in content noted between the Social Studies Course Frameworks and *Bayou Bridges: A K-8 Louisiana Social Studies Curriculum* result from the availability of content within Creative Commons for course frameworks versus the opportunity for curated and created content in Bayou Bridges. Where any differences occur, teachers should prioritize the content in Bayou Bridges.

**Q: How should additional activities be prioritized when pacing the units and lessons?**

Each unit's teacher guide includes detailed sample pacing guides. In these guides, activities marked with a bullseye icon are targeted activities. It's highly recommended that these targeted activities be prioritized in your planning. Other additional activities should be included in instruction at the discretion of the teacher.

**Q: Will Bayou Bridges be translated into other languages to support English language learners, or are there any other supports for students planned?**

The LDOE is working to provide translated versions of Bayou Bridges. More information will be made available soon. Please contact [robin@ssdla-aem.org](mailto:robin@ssdla-aem.org) if you have questions about accessible materials for students.