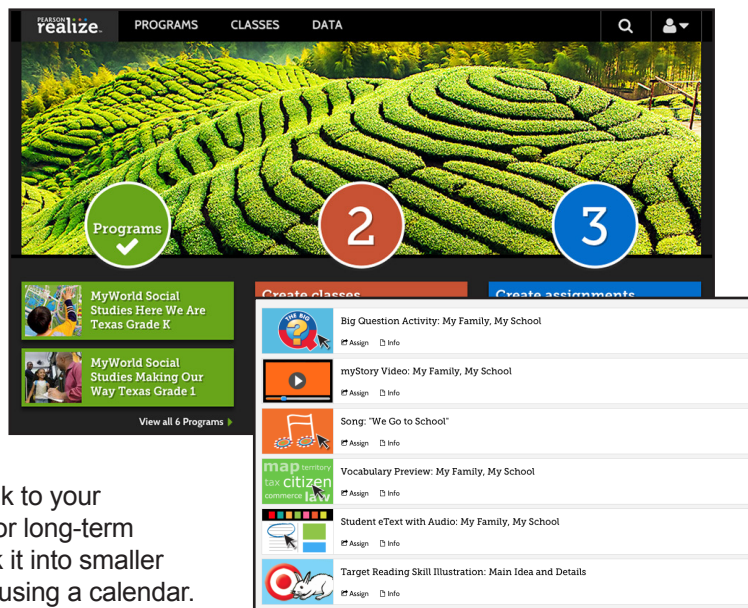


Dear Parent or Guardian,

Since research shows that student achievement is strongly associated with parental involvement, Pearson built tools and resources that you can use to help your child succeed in this Social Studies program. Check out these simple ways to get involved:

1. **See what has been assigned:** Log on to your child's Realize account, click on CLASSES, and look at the assignments, instruction, and due dates given.
2. **Offer help:** Be available if your child needs help. For help with learning content, you can encourage the student to watch videos. Have the student go through lesson materials and talk through the answers to questions. Make sure your child completes the 21st Century Skills Activity.
3. **Help with organizing and planning:** Talk to your child about how to organize homework. For long-term assignments, such as projects, help break it into smaller chunks, and plan when to do each chunk using a calendar. Print out student instructions and rubrics, and go through these together. For daily assignments, help determine priorities and estimate time needed, and make sure your child understands the directions.
4. **Monitor progress:** On your child's Realize account, click on GRADES, and look at the data on Tests and Progress. On the Tests graph, hover over a test bar—you'll see the name of the test, the due date, and a score, which is your child's grade on the test. On the Progress graph, you'll see which assignments are completed and which still need more work.
5. **Connect to make personal meaning:** Since brain research shows that making an emotional connection helps a person retain content, watch the chapter's myStory Video together and share your related experiences. Talk about the Big Question over the dinner table.
6. **Encourage good study habits:** In addition to general tips like getting a good night's sleep, discuss strategies to study and prepare for a test. Encourage your child to think about their own learning style and the best way to retain information—for example, visual learners can create their own study sheets using the blank graphic organizers in the Reference Center (bottom of the Table of Contents). Have the student focus on reviewing what they haven't yet mastered.



Ultimately, the goal of a successful social studies education is to prepare your child for college, career, and civic life. Through this new Social Studies program, it is easy to see your child's progress and get involved. For more strategies, tips, and ideas, you can go to [PearsonAtHome.com](https://www.pearsonatHome.com).

Thank you!

Pearson's Social Studies Team