



# Elementary Scope & Sequence

iCivics presents *Private i History Detectives*, a supplemental K-5 curriculum. Help your students put on their historian hats as they develop life-long inquiry skills lesson by lesson. Like all iCivics resources, *Private i History Detectives* is designed to be flexible and easy to use. Each unit emphasizes vocabulary development, historical content, and inquiry skills across three to four mystery-based lessons. Pick and choose the units that work best for your students and the timing of your curriculum. This Scope & Sequence document is organized by grade-level and topic.

## Kindergarten

### Unit: **Introduction to Inquiry, Grades K-1**

Introduction to Inquiry units introduce your students to the Private i History Detectives team and the skills historians use. Teach either or both lessons in this unit before diving into a kindergarten or first grade unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What is this and what was it used for?	Mystery
2	What can you learn from a hat?	Mystery

### Unit: **What Is the Difference Between Then and Now?**

Students explore the difference between past and present in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What is the difference between then and now?	Mystery
2	Where do people work?	Mystery
3	How is work different now than in the past?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Do We Celebrate Our Shared Traditions?**

Students explore the difference between past and present in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Where is the history in a name?	Mystery
2	What shared traditions are special to your family?	Mystery
3	Why do we have a day off from school?	Mystery
4	How does a tradition become a holiday?	Mystery

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## First Grade

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2	<a href="#">What can you learn from a hat?</a>	Mystery

### Unit: [How Do Communities Make Good Decisions?](#)

Students explore community and citizenship in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	<a href="#">What does it mean to belong to a group?</a>	Mystery
2	<a href="#">What does it mean to be a citizen?</a>	Mystery
3	<a href="#">How do groups make decisions?</a>	Mystery

### Unit: [What Makes Someone a Good Leader?](#)

Students explore leadership in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	<a href="#">What makes someone a good leader?</a>	Mystery
2	<a href="#">What made people think George Washington would be a good leader?</a>	Mystery
3	<a href="#">How do leaders fight for something important?</a>	Mystery



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## Second Grade

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### Unit: Introduction to Inquiry, Grades 2-3

Introduction to Inquiry units introduce your students to the Private i History Detectives team and the skills historians use. Teach either or both lessons in this unit before diving into a second or third grade unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What are these children doing?	Mystery
2	What are these students learning about?	Mystery

### Unit: Why Do We Need Maps?

Students learn about maps in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How have maps changed over time?	Mystery
2	How can a map get us where we want to go?	Mystery
3	What are the parts of a map and what do they tell us?	Mystery
4	How does a map show the relationship between people and the environment?	Mystery

### Unit: Why Do People Move?

Students learn about migration in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Why do animals move to new homes?	Mystery
2	Why do people move to a new homes?	Mystery
3	Who is a refugee?	Mystery
4	What was the Great Migration?	Mystery

### Unit: How Does Culture Impact the Way We Live?

Students learn about the impact of culture in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What is culture?	Mystery
2	What are some examples of Yoruba values?	Mystery
3	How did Yoruba cultural values help the Clotilda Africans during difficult times?	Mystery
4	How did Yoruba cultural values influence the building of Africatown?	Mystery



## Civic Virtues Collection, Grades K-2

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### Unit: **How Can Practicing Civic Virtue Help Me Be a Good Citizen?**

In this introduction unit, students learn about the practices of civic virtue. Teach this unit to spark students curiosity before.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How do rules help us practice civic virtue?	Mystery
2	How did Benjamin Franklin practice civic virtue?	Mystery
3	How did the Founders learn about civic virtue?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Can Perseverance Help Me Be a Good Citizen?**

Students learn about perseverance in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How do people practice perseverance?	Mystery
2	How did Wilma Rudolph use perseverance to become an Olympic champion?	Mystery
3	How did perseverance help Americans land on the moon?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Can Generosity Help Me Be a Good Citizen?**

Students learn about generosity in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How do people practice generosity?	Mystery
2	How did children use generosity to help during the World Wars?	Mystery
3	How did generosity help bring the Statue of Liberty to New York City?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Can Being Civic-Minded Help Me Be a Good Citizen?**

Students learn about civic-mindedness in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How do people practice being civic-minded?	Mystery
2	How are Clara Barton and the Red Cross civic-minded?	Mystery
3	How did Robert Smalls help people by being civic-minded?	Mystery



## Third Grade

### Unit: [Introduction to Inquiry, Grades 2-3](#)

Introduction to Inquiry units introduce your students to the Private i History Detectives team and the skills historians use. Teach either or both lessons in this unit before diving into a second or third grade unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What are these children doing?	Mystery
2	What are these students learning about?	Mystery

### Unit: [What Strategies Did Native Nations Use to Protect Their Sovereignty During the American Revolutionary War?](#)

Students learn about native sovereignty in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What is Native sovereignty and why is it important?	Mystery
2	What can maps tell us about Native sovereignty and Native land?	Mystery
3	What strategies did Native nations use to protect their sovereignty during the American Revolutionary War? (1)	Mystery
4	What strategies did Native nations use to protect their sovereignty during the American Revolutionary War? (2)	Mystery

### Unit: [How Did Opposition to Laws Fuel the American Revolutionary War?](#)

Students explore the American Revolutionary War and its causes in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Was the Stamp Act Fair?	Mystery
2	Did the punishment for the Boston Tea Party work?	Mystery
3	Did the American Revolutionary War really start at Lexington and Concord?	Mystery

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## Third Grade continued...

### Unit: **Why Do Many People Celebrate the Fourth of July?**

Students explore Independence Day and American independence in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Why do people celebrate on the Fourth of July?	Mystery
2	Why did Americans declare independence on July 4, 1776?	Mystery
3	Why would someone refuse to celebrate the Fourth of July?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Did Women Influence the American Revolutionary War?**

Students explore how women contributed to the American Revolution.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Did women fight in the American Revolutionary War?	Mystery
2	How did women support the American Revolutionary War without leaving home?	Mystery
3	How did women use their voices to influence the start of a new country?	Mystery



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## Fourth Grade

### Unit: **Introduction to Inquiry, Grades 4-5**

Introduction to Inquiry units introduce your students to the Private i History Detectives team and the skills historians use. Teach either or both lessons in this unit before diving into a fourth or fifth grade unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Why grow corn?	Mystery
2	What can we learn from someone's pockets?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Do Maps Help Us Understand the World?**

Students explore maps in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How do maps shape how we think about the world?	Mystery
2	What parts of the map help us understand what the cartographer wants us to know?	Mystery
3	How do maps show us what is important to the cartographer?	Mystery
4	Why is there an elephant on the beach?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Does Water Shape Our Lives?**

Students learn about how water as a natural resource affects settlement in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What push and pull factors affected where William Skinner worked and lived?	Mystery
2	How does water affect people's choices about where to live and work?	Mystery
3	How did the city of Holyoke, Massachusetts, shape water to attract businesses?	Mystery
4	How did Mr. Skinner's mill contribute to the population of Holyoke?	Mystery



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## Fourth Grade continued...

### Unit: [Why Would People Live in the Northeast?](#)

Students traverse through the northeast region in this four-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Why would someone choose to live in the Northeast region?	Mystery
2	What are the special natural and historic places of the Northeast region?	Mystery
3	How do we know who lives in the Northeast region?	Mystery
4	Who were the first people and early settlers in the Northeast region?	Mystery

### Unit: [Why Do We Have So Many Governments?](#)

Students explore federalism and state government in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Why do we have so many governments?	Mystery
2	How do different states structure their government?	Mystery
3	Where do I go when I want to make a change?	Mystery







## Fifth Grade

### Unit: **Introduction to Inquiry, Grades 4-5**

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	Resources	Product Type
1	Why grow corn?	Mystery
2	What can we learn from someone's pockets?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Did Kossula "Cudjo" Lewis Experience the Atlantic World?**

Students learn about enslavement through the story of Kossula "Cudjo" Lewis in this four part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What examples of Yoruba values did Kossula "Cudjo" Lewis experience growing up in West Africa?	Mystery
2	How did Kossula "Cudjo" Lewis and other Africans experience captivity and the Middle Passage?	Mystery
3	How did Kossula "Cudjo" Lewis and the Clotilda Africans use their values to face the conditions of enslavement?	Mystery
4	How did the Clotilda Africans use their cultural values to build a new life?	Mystery

### Unit: **How Did the Constitution Create Compromise?**

Students dive into the Constitutional Convention in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	Did the delegates at the Constitutional Convention do what they were supposed to do?	Mystery
2	How did the Connecticut Compromise solve disagreements about representation at the Constitutional Convention?	Mystery
3	Which of the Anti-Federalist ideas is the most persuasive?	Mystery



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### Fifth Grade continued...

#### Unit: How Did Laws, Courts, and People Impact Civil Rights in the Late 1800s?

Students learn about the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments as well as groups and individuals who impacted civil rights in the late 1800s in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	How did the Reconstruction amendments attempt to address slavery's wrongs?	Mystery
2	Did the Supreme Court help make people more equal?	Mystery
3	How did people try to create change despite facing discrimination?	Mystery

#### Unit: What is Free Speech and Why Does It Matter?

Students learn about free speech in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What is free speech and why does it matter?	Mystery
2	Does free speech mean I can say whatever I want?	Mystery
3	What can I say in school?	Mystery

#### Unit: What Is Due Process and Why Is It So Important to American Justice?

Students find out about due process in this three-part unit.

	Resources	Product Type
1	What is due process and why does it matter?	Mystery
2	Why and how do people fight for due process rights?	Mystery
3	Do students have the right to privacy in school?	Mystery

