



## FAQ

### Q: What is Bayou Bridges?

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

### Q: Is Bayou Bridges the same as Core Knowledge Language Arts<sup>®</sup> (CKLA) or Core Knowledge History and Geography<sup>®</sup> (CKHG)?

A: No. Bayou Bridges will be an original curriculum created specifically as a vehicle to teach the 2022 Louisiana Student Standards for Social studies.

### Q: Will Bayou Bridges be a complete curriculum?

A: Yes. Bayou Bridges is a complete curriculum and will include:

- 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: visual aids to reinforce big ideas, chronology, and context.

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

A: Work is underway and all Bayou Bridges units will be posted online for free download on both the [Louisiana Department of Education](#) and [Core Knowledge Foundation](#)<sup>®</sup> sites by June, 2024.

Student Readers will begin to post in June 2023, while the Teacher Guides and Editable Slide Decks will begin to post in July 2023. Materials will continue to be posted on a rolling basis until all [51 units](#) for grades K-8 are completed by June 30, 2024. See the chart on the next page for approximate release dates of student readers and teacher guides.

Updated March 2, 2023



Bayou Bridges Release Schedule			
Student Readers	All Units Available For Download	Teacher Guides & Slide Decks	All Units Available For Download
Grade 4	August 2023 (224 pages)	Grade 4	October 2023
Grade 5	August 2023 (248 pages)	Grade 5	October 2023
Grade 3	September 2023	Grade 3	December 2023
Grade 6	November 2023	Grade 6	January 2024
Grade 7	December 2023	Grade 7	February 2024
Grade 8	January 2024	Grade 8	April 2024
Kindergarten	February 2024	Kindergarten	April 2024
Grade 1	March 2024	Grade 1	May 2024
Grade 2	March 2024	Grade 2	June 2024

**Q: What’s in the student readers?**

A: The reusable Bayou Bridges student readers will 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 will cover 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 rubrics, and
- student-facing worksheets/activity pages (graphic organizers, maps, guided notes, vocabulary practice, and additional fiction and non-fiction excerpts)



**Q: Will I be able to order print materials?**

A: Print materials for the first two units in grades 4 and 5 will be available via Core Knowledge in September 2023, and the final four units in January 2024. Printed materials for the remaining grade levels will become available throughout 2024 as units and grade levels are completed. Until then, districts will need to engage print-on-demand services. *Note: this section will be updated as pricing and ordering information becomes available.*

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

A: Initial asynchronous learning modules to support implementation will be available beginning in June 2023.

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

A: No. At least not initially. Bayou Bridges student-facing materials are designed to be printed and physically used in the classroom.