

Social Studies Minilessons: Improving Study Skills

Daily Social Studies Recorder

LISTEN carefully to the social studies instruction in your class.

WRITE down a question in your notebook about a concept discussed in class.

EXPLORE the question as a learning-log entry. (See *Inquire* pages 198–199.)

REPEAT this process each day for a week.

Cultural Revolution

RESEARCH the evolution of a culture from an ancient to a modern society.

TAKE notes about what you've learned. (See *Inquire* page 197.)

RESPOND to the following prompt: Compare the ancient and modern version of this culture.

Civil Records

LISTEN to classroom instruction about an ancient civilization.

TAKE notes on two-thirds of the page and use the other third for comments, questions, definitions, and extra information. (See *Inquire* page 197.)

CREATE a learning-log entry about the day's lesson.

REPEAT this process for each day of the entire unit.

WRITE a final extended learning log about the ancient civilization.

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Theme Reading

READ a short story or novel.

TAKE reading notes.

WRITE down the main point and themes of the text.

ASK your instructor to help you answer any unanswered questions from your notes.

SUMMARIZE a key theme of the text.

Character Profiling

EXAMINE a novel or short story that includes one of your favorite characters.

TAKE reading notes about the character's behavior and personality.

RECORD any quotes that describe the character's personality.

WRITE a personality profile about the character.

Language Diary

Carefully **COMPLETE** a reading assignment.

NOTE the vocabulary words that you are unsure of.

USE context clues to create your own definitions for the words.

FIND the dictionary definitions of the words.

In your notebook, **RECORD** the words and their definitions.