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Prepares prospective early childhood teachers to confidently guide young children in the social studies.

Filled with a multitude of ideas, suggestions, and developmentally appropriate activities that teachers can use to engage young children in social studies, this classic yet contemporary resource is practical and a favorite of students and instructors alike.

New and notable hallmarks of the Ninth Edition include:

- Interesting and sensible ways to **integrate social studies in other areas of the curriculum**, including science, the arts, literacy, and mathematics.
- The **foundation of child development resonates** throughout.
- Features a **full chapter on play as a crucial part of children's learning and development**, and incorporates ideas for play-based learning throughout the material.
- Includes three **revised chapters to offer all of the 10 NCSS Thematic Strands** and a figure in each relevant chapter highlighting each strand.
- An added emphasis on **integrating technology into the social studies curriculum**.
- Thoroughly **incorporates the current NAEYC Standards for Professional Preparation Programs** for quality, curriculum, and professional preparation.
- A new **Children's Literature** feature in core chapters.

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At her death in 2005, **Carol Seefeldt, Ph.D.**, was Professor Emeritus of human development at the Institute for Child Study, University of Maryland, College Park. She received the Distinguished Scholar-Researcher award from the university and published 25 books and over 100 scholarly and research articles for teachers and parents. Her books include *Social Studies for the Preschool/Primary Child*, *Active Experiences for Active Children* (Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics), and *Current Issues in Early Childhood Education*. She also wrote *Playing to Learn and Creating Rooms of Wonder*. She coauthored *Early Childhood: Where Learning Begins-Geography* for the U.S. Department of Education.

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