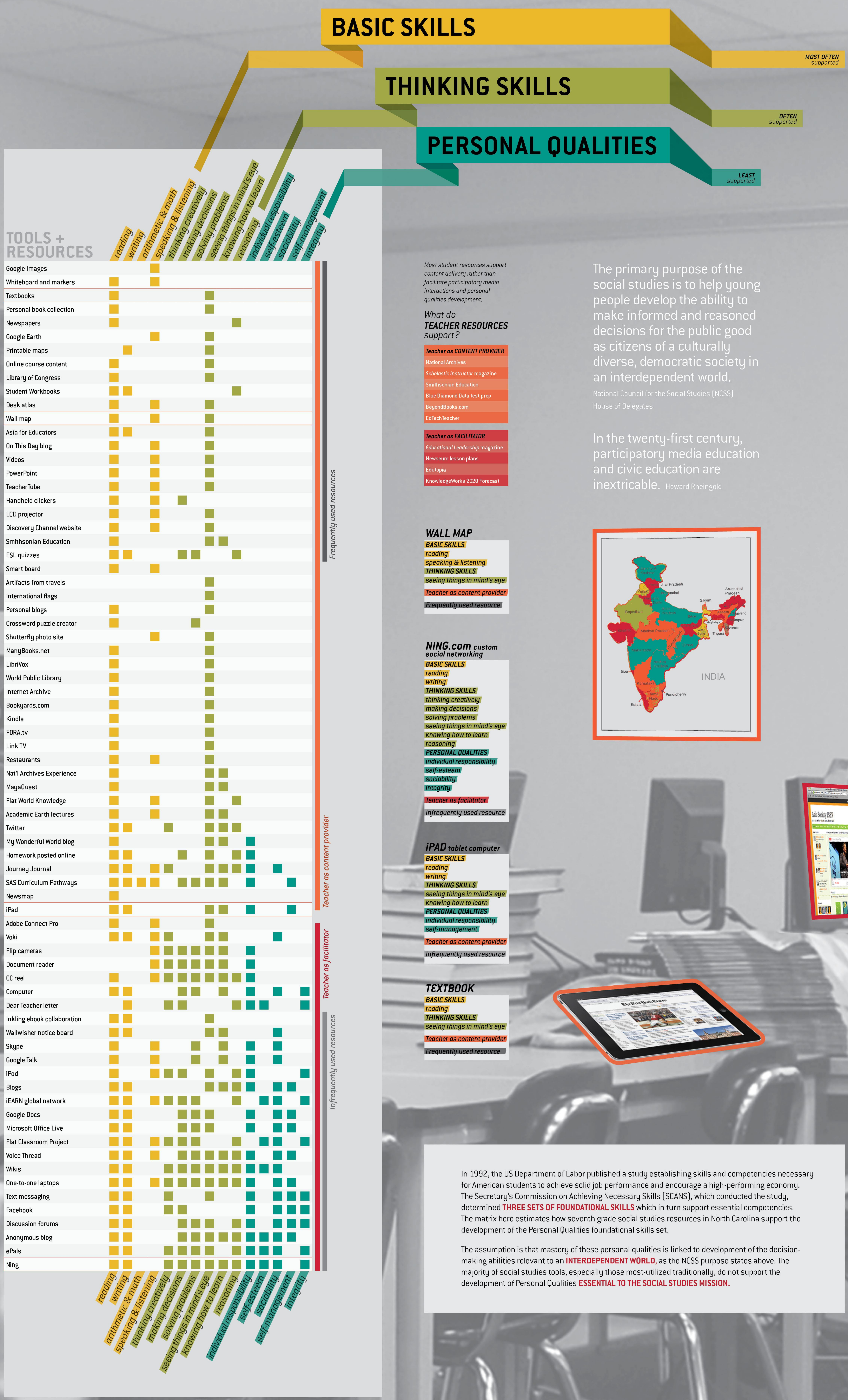


WHAT ARE THE TOOLS?

21st century competency requires students to develop three sets of foundational skills:
Basic Skills, Thinking Skills, and Personal Qualities



BASIC SKILLS

THINKING SKILLS

PERSONAL QUALITIES

MOST OFTEN supported

OFTEN supported

LEAST supported

Most student resources support content delivery rather than facilitate participatory media interactions and personal qualities development.

What do TEACHER RESOURCES support?

Teacher as CONTENT PROVIDER

- National Archives
- Scholastic Instructor magazine
- Smithsonian Education
- Blue Diamond Data test prep
- BeyondBooks.com
- EdTechTeacher

Teacher as FACILITATOR

- Educational Leadership magazine
- Newsweek lesson plans
- Edutopia
- KnowledgeWorks 2020 Forecast

The primary purpose of the social studies is to help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world.

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In the twenty-first century, participatory media education and civic education are inextricable. Howard Rheingold

WALL MAP

- BASIC SKILLS**
reading
speaking & listening
- THINKING SKILLS**
seeing things in mind's eye
- Teacher as content provider
- Frequently used resource



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- BASIC SKILLS**
reading
writing
- THINKING SKILLS**
thinking creatively
making decisions
solving problems
seeing things in mind's eye
knowing how to learn
- PERSONAL QUALITIES**
individual responsibility
self-esteem
sociability
integrity
- Teacher as facilitator
- Infrequently used resource

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- BASIC SKILLS**
reading
writing
- THINKING SKILLS**
seeing things in mind's eye
knowing how to learn
- PERSONAL QUALITIES**
individual responsibility
self-management
- Teacher as content provider
- Infrequently used resource

TEXTBOOK

- BASIC SKILLS**
reading
- THINKING SKILLS**
seeing things in mind's eye
- Teacher as content provider
- Frequently used resource

In 1992, the US Department of Labor published a study establishing skills and competencies necessary for American students to achieve solid job performance and encourage a high-performing economy. The Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS), which conducted the study, determined **THREE SETS OF FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS** which in turn support essential competencies. The matrix here estimates how seventh grade social studies resources in North Carolina support the development of the Personal Qualities foundational skills set.

The assumption is that mastery of these personal qualities is linked to development of the decision-making abilities relevant to an **INTERDEPENDENT WORLD**, as the NCSS purpose states above. The majority of social studies tools, especially those most-utilized traditionally, do not support the development of Personal Qualities **ESSENTIAL TO THE SOCIAL STUDIES MISSION**.

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