



Designed specifically to meet the needs of middle schools, this kit brings the latest developments in learning technology to your classroom. It provides engaging materials that help integrate technology into your curriculum in ways that are meaningful and motivating to students.

This kit's collection of multimedia-rich learning software offers exciting new challenges for your language arts and social studies students—from creating Shakespearean sequels to making presidential decisions. The Student Desktop Tools software provides the presentation, productivity, and reference tools for students to conduct research and present their work.

Also included are thematic-based student projects for each curriculum area, mapped to current curriculum standards. The projects share the same topics for each subject area, and therefore can serve as focal points for cross-curricular learning. A companion product is also available for the areas of math and science.

Language Arts Software

In My Own Voice: Multicultural Poets on

Identity v1.1, Sunburst Communications
Students explore identity from the different cultural perspectives of nine contemporary American poets. The CD includes audio recordings of the poets reading their poems; annotations; illustrations; and music. Students can also record their own poems with the word processing tool.

An Odyssey of Discovery: Skills for

Writers v1.0, Pierian Spring Software
Three sets of activities help students improve written communications. The first helps correct errors in usage, punctuation, and spelling. In the second, students match words with synonyms, antonyms, and analogies. The third teaches poetic form and function.

An Odyssey of Discovery: Writing for

Readers v1.0, Pierian Spring Software
Varied activities encourage students to improve composition skills. They include practice in character creation, setting description, plot definition, story development, and dialogue writing. Students hear from actual writers through the Writers Circle forum.

Romeo + Juliet v1.1, Stratford Studios

An amusing and engaging resource for studying Shakespeare. The software includes an audio performance of the play, a discussion by teenage critics, and games designed to help students understand historical and cultural references in the play. They can even write the sequel.

Scholastic Smart Books: Favorite Greek

Myths v2.0, Scholastic
This software includes videos, illustrations, sound, and animation, to expand your students' understanding of Greek mythology.

Social Studies Software

Decisions, Decisions: Colonization v5.0,

Tom Snyder Productions
Students work together to decide—acting as though they were the president—how to set up a space colony. They examine issues faced by the original colonizers of the United States and apply what they learn to the extraterrestrial situation.

Eyewitness History of the World v1.0,

DK Multimedia
This multimedia encyclopedia lets students visit different civilizations, witness historical events, and meet key people who shaped history. It includes video sequences and animations, and information on everyday life, culture, and innovations throughout history.

An Odyssey of Discovery: Geography v1.7,

Pierian Spring Software
Students explore geographical concepts in real-world simulations that show how geologists and other scientists, photographers, business owners, and city mayors use geography to make decisions. Topics include climate, land and water use, map reading, and time zones.

U.S. Atlas & Almanac v6.0, Mindscape

This multimedia geography and social studies tool includes topographical, statistical, and political maps as well as full-motion videos, satellite photography, state anthems, and the pronunciation of American city names.

Where in Time Is Carmen Sandiego? v3.0,

Brøderbund Software
When Carmen Sandiego and her gang go back in time to steal historical treasures, students follow her through 3,000 years of world history—in 18 teacher-directed time periods—to track down the thieves, learning history and logic skills along the way.

World Atlas & Almanac v6.0, Mindscape

This comprehensive almanac includes over 400 maps, satellite photography, three-dimensional maps, video clips, animations, foreign language pronunciations, and national anthems. Students can find data on world trade, health, people, economies, agriculture, and demographics.

ClarisWorks Templates for Middle School,

Apple
ClarisWorks templates are provided to help you implement the student projects in the kit. The templates can be used as is or customized.



Student Desktop Tools Software

ClarisWorks v5.0, Apple

ClarisWorks combines word processing, database, spreadsheet, graphics, presentation, and telecommunications software in one efficient environment. Students can even create documents that combine these document types—for example, a report that contains text, graphics, and charts made from information in a spreadsheet.

TimeLiner Collection v4.0,

Tom Snyder Productions

TimeLiner helps students create and modify different kinds of timelines. It can chronicle broad topics, such as historical events and geological formations, or examine milestones in students' lives with daily, weekly, and yearlong timelines. It includes 17 collections of timelines on topics such as American history, science and technology, and world history.

Claris Home Page v2.0, FileMaker

Claris Home Page lets your students create dynamic web pages and whole web sites—with ease. Students use familiar tools and commands to format text and graphics and create links between pages. It also offers advanced features such as frames, libraries, and the ability to edit HTML source code.

HyperStudio v3.1, Roger Wagner Publishing,

Your students can use this multimedia authoring software to create projects and presentations that include text, pictures, movies, animation, and sound. They can import and edit graphics and QuickTime movies and create links to Internet sites without using a browser.

Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia v10.0,

Mindscape

Put the combined resources of a 21-volume encyclopedia with the impact of video and animation at your students' fingertips. Includes search tools that allow students to explore pictures, video clips, sounds, interactive timelines, maps, and speeches.

Microsoft Bookshelf 98, Microsoft

Microsoft Bookshelf 98 provides encyclopedias, dictionaries, quotations, a thesaurus, an almanac, a chronology, an atlas, a post office directory, and a directory of Internet sites. These resources include a wide variety of images and text that students can copy and paste into their own projects.

Teacher Support Materials

This kit includes separate teacher's guides for language arts and social studies. Each guide includes tips on getting started, classroom management strategies, and home/school connections, and six comprehensive student projects, which are mapped to curriculum standards. Software user's guides and teacher's guides are included. Also includes the "Out of the Box and Onto the 'Net" booklet.

Staff Development

Apple offers training kits, workshops, and planning guides to help schools create and implement technology staff development. For more information, call 1-800-800-APPL (2775).

Ordering Information

Middle School Connections:

Language Arts & Social Studies Bundle

Includes a Power Macintosh 5500/225, a Language Arts & Social Studies Kit, and a Student Desktop Tools Kit. Call 1-800-800-APPL (2775) for part number information.

With extended service and CPU setup	➤ \$2,188
With extended service only	➤ \$2,128
With CPU setup only	➤ \$2,059
With neither extended service nor setup	➤ \$1,999

Middle School Connections:

Language Arts & Social Studies Kit

Includes a Student Desktop Tools Kit. ➤ \$300

Note: Can be purchased only with a computer. Student Desktop Tools software is required to complete the student projects in the Language Arts & Social Studies Kit.