Eight Powerful Teaching Strategies are used to allow students with diverse learning styles to “experience” history.

**Visual Discovery**
Students view, touch, analyze, and act out images project on overhead transparencies, Smartboard, etc. As the teacher asks a series of inquiry questions, students discover key social studies concepts.

**Social Studies Skill Builders**
Students sit in pairs to complete fast-paced, skill-oriented tasks, such as mapping geographic features and graphing data, while receiving immediate teacher feedback.

**Experiential Exercises**
This strategy brings to life key concepts so that students physically and emotionally experience them. These memorable simulations help students grasp important ideas in social studies.

**Writing for Understanding**
This strategy enables students to write forcefully about experiences they have had in class.

**Response Groups**
This approach creates rich class discussions involving all students. Students sit in small groups to discuss critical-thinking questions. They report their findings got the entire class.
**Problem Solving Groupwork**
Students with a wide variety of learning styles sit in small groups to work on challenging problem solving groupwork projects. This method of cooperative learning effectively involves all students.

**Interactive Student Notebook**
This strategy challenges students to record information about social studies in engaging ways. As students learn new ideas, they use several types of writing and innovative graphic techniques to record their thinking.

**Effective Assessment**
Each lesson in the program contains sound assessment that both prepares students for standardized tests and helps them meaningfully apply what they have learned.