



Making South Carolina History fun for 3rd Graders: “Detective Bonz and the SC History Mystery”

Looking for a way to motivate your third graders as you teach South Carolina history? “**Detective Bonz and the SC History Mystery**” is an exciting series that will do just that! Highlighting SC history to support the third grade social studies curriculum, this series uses animation, historical footage and dramatizations as Detective Bonz tries to solve the mystery of the missing history books. His student assistants go back in time using his “paw” pilot to explore our state’s history.

The six lessons/16-27 minutes are correlated to the **2005 South Carolina Social Studies Standards** and have a detailed **Teacher’s Guide**. The **Teacher’s Guide** includes lesson plans, vocabulary, activities, music, and printable maps. Enhancing the study of South Carolina history, the guide also includes web sites for additional enrichment resources. “**Detective Bonz and the SC History Mystery**” is available through **StreamlineSC**.

Chapter One: This chapter spends time setting up the story that unfolds in the remaining chapters. The students meet Detective Bonz and the assistants at Sandlapper Elementary School who will help to solve the missing textbook mystery.

Chapter Two: Through student dramatizations, early settlers, Spanish explorers, Lords Proprietors, the city of Charleston, and pirates are introduced.

Chapter Three: Chapter three covers the Revolution, Columbia as the new capital and the upcountry and low country.

Chapter Four: Taking a look at the era of the Civil War is the key focus of this chapter. The Underground Railroad, John C. Calhoun, and Abe Lincoln are also introduced to the students.

Chapter Five: Now we are in the 20th century with farming, textiles, and tourism. Students are introduced to a great song about SC regions.

Chapter Six: Students are competing in a game show at the ETV studios where they learn more about our state’s recent history.

Suggested Activities: Utilize this video series to motivate and enhance the third grade South Carolina history curriculum. Activities are abundant in the **Teacher’s Guide** to bring history alive for all learning levels. Fourth grade teachers, this is an excellent review of the highlights of South Carolina history as it relates to the study of United States history.

