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If you only need the buying answer

The cheapest short-term route for **Social Studies in Elementary Education** is Pearson+, not the current print listing. The current print price is also slightly above the sampled long-term digital access and above semester rental. So if your only goal is the lowest one-course cost, digital still wins. The reason print remains worth discussing is that the current listing is lower than the sampled used-print market and can still make sense for teacher candidates who want a kept methods reference.

Format	Source	Price
Print	Merybook	\$114.70 Check price
Pearson+ (180 days)	Pearson	\$59.94 Check price
Semester rental	eCampus	\$84.99 Check price
Long-term digital	Digital market	\$107.99 Check price
Used print	Used market	\$174.99 Check price

This is therefore a split case rather than a clean print win. Digital wins on first cost. Print only becomes reasonable when ownership and later teaching-methods reuse matter more than the cheapest access path.

What this book actually teaches

An elementary social-studies methods text matters because it helps future teachers think about curriculum, inquiry, civic learning, content selection, classroom discussion, historical thinking, and how social studies is taught rather than simply covered. A good methods book usually becomes more useful in practicum and student teaching than it was during the first reading.

That is why some teacher candidates still prefer ownership. A kept methods book can remain useful during lesson planning and early classroom work. But the market is still

telling us clearly that the cheapest path is temporary digital access, not print.

Who should choose digital and who should buy print

Choose Pearson+ if your priority is the lowest short-term cost. Buy print only if you want a methods reference you can annotate and keep into practicum or student teaching. In the current market, digital wins on price and print only wins on long-term usefulness.

Sources checked

- [Merybook print listing search](#)
- [Pearson search for ISBN 9780135761939](#)
- [General market search for ISBN 9780135761939](#)