



Course Syllabus

Subject: Social Studies

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School Year: 2023-2024

Grade: 7

Course Description:

The Grade 7 Social Studies Course will be covering the topic of Human Geography. It aims to build and expand upon the topics students studied in the sixth grade. After reviewing the foundational knowledge studied the previous year, as well as the geography of Europe and Northern Eurasia, we will delve into the regions of the Western Hemisphere: the US and Canada, Middle America, and South America. Students will study how geography helped to shape the history of these regions, and how this history affects the politics, society, and economics of the modern Western Hemisphere. The course will help students to understand how broad developments in geography and history shaped the world we live in today.

Course Requirements:

The course will be conducted through lectures, discussions, practice material, projects and student presentations. In order to experience a successful outcome, students need to:

- ✓ Participate in class discussions, ask questions and contribute ideas, thoughts and opinions.
- ✓ Complete each assignment on time.
- ✓ Communicate concerns to teachers and ask for help when needed.
- ✓ Organize class materials and personal items.
- ✓ Keep the study environment neat and tidy.
- ✓ Observe all school policies as outlined in the DISK Parent-Student Handbook. This includes arriving at school on time, abiding by the dress code and speaking only English on the school grounds.
- ✓ Observe the school policy on Academic Honesty as outlined in the Handbook. All cases of academic misconduct, such as cheating on tests or plagiarism, will automatically result in a failing grade for the assignment in addition to any sanctions that may be imposed by the administrative Prefect of Discipline.

Note: If students have difficulty in completing tasks due to extenuating circumstances, an extension can be requested. Extensions are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Textbooks:

Chu, G.H. & Holtgrieve, D. *World Geography: Western Hemisphere*. Savvas, 2019.

Class Materials:

- 1 A4 2-ring binder with plastic sleeves.
- 1 A4 lined writing notebook (100 pages).
- Pencils, erasers, pens.
- English name stickers for all stationery and belongings.

Assessment:

Pre-Assessments, as well as formative and summative assessments (in the form of projects, homework assignments, presentations, quizzes, tests, and quarterly exams) contribute to the final, quarterly grade. In addition, students will be assessed on department following the D^{OP} STARS School-wide Learner Outcomes (SLOs): *Spiritual, Truthful, Active, Responsible* and *Studios*.

Assessment categories and percentage of grades are as follows:

- **30%** Class Participation & Seatwork, Homework
- **30%** Minor Projects, Portfolio, Unit Tests & Major Projects
- **30%** Quarter Exam/Assessment
- **10%** Department

Classroom Rules and Expectations:

In order to develop both academically and spiritually, students need to adhere to the DOP STARS Schoolwide Learner Outcomes. Specific attributes include:

- ★ Being organized with class materials, being on time, and following the syllabus.
- ★ Setting and meeting personal study goals.
- ★ Completing all tasks.
- ★ Communicating in English.
- ★ Treating all members of the DISK community with respect.

Quarter One - Pacing Guide

Topic 1: Introduction to Geography; Topics 5-7: Europe and Eurasia

NB: Topics may be added or removed depending on time and/or interest.

Week	Content
Week 1 8/10-8/11	<u>Introduction</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class rules and expectations, syllabus overview
Week 2 8/14-8/18	<u>Topic 1: Lesson 1-4</u> <i>Geography Basics, Humans and the Environment</i>
Week 3 8/21-8/24	<u>Topic 1: Lessons 5-7</u> <i>Culture and Economics</i>
Week 4 8/27-9/1	<u>Topic 1: Lesson 8-10</u> <i>Politics and History</i>
Week 5 9/4-9/8	<u>Topic 5</u> <i>European History</i>
Week 6 9/11-9/15	<u>Topic 6</u> <i>Europe Today</i>
Week 7 9/18-9/22	<u>Topic 7</u> <i>Northern Eurasia</i>
Week 8 9/25-9/29	<u>Topics 1, 5-7: Review</u>
Week 9 10/2-10/6	Q1 Review and Exams

Quarter Two - Pacing Guide

Topic 2: The United States and Canada

NB: Topics may be added or removed depending on time and/or interest.

Week	Content
Week 1 10/9-10/13	<u>Topic 2: Lesson 1</u> <i>North American Indian Culture Regions</i>
Week 2 10/16-10/20	<u>Topic 2: Lesson 2</u> <i>Three American Indian Cultures</i>
Week 3 10/23-10/27	<u>Topic 2: Lesson 3</u> <i>European Colonization</i>
Week 4 10/30-11/3	<u>Topic 2: Lesson 4</u> <i>Building Nations</i>
Week 5 11/6-11/10	<u>Topic 2: Lesson 5-6</u> <i>Life and Work in the USA and Canada</i>
Week 6 11/13-11/17	<u>Topic 5: Lesson 6</u> <i>Challenges Facing the USA and Canada</i>
Week 7 11/27-12/1	<u>Topics 5: Review</u>
Week 8 12/4-12/8	Q2 Review and Exams

Quarter Three - Pacing Guide

Topic 3: Middle America

NB: Topics may be added or removed depending on time and/or interest.

Week	Content
Week 1 1/1-1/5	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 1</u> <i>The Olmec and Maya Civilizations</i>
Week 2 1/8-1/12	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 2</u> <i>Aztec Civilization</i>
Week 3 1/15-1/19	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 3</u> <i>Spanish Colonization</i>
Week 4 1/22-1/26	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 4</u> <i>Independence for Mexico and Central America</i>
Week 5 1/29-2/2	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 5, 8</u> <i>History and Life in the Caribbean</i>
Week 6 2/5-2/9	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 6-7</u> <i>Life and Work in Middle America</i>
Week 7 2/12-2/16	Chinese New Year Holiday
Week 8 2/19-2/23	<u>Topic 3: Lesson 9</u> <i>Challenges Facing Middle America</i>
Week 9 2/26-3/1	<u>Topic 3: Review</u>
Week 10 3/4-3/8	Q3 Review and Exams

Quarter Four- Pacing Guide

Topic 4: South America

NB: Topics may be added or removed depending on time and/or interest.

Week	Content
Week 1 3/11-3/15	<u>Topic 4: Lesson 1</u> <i>Early South American Cultures</i>
Week 2 3/18-3/22	<u>Topic 4: Lesson 2</u> <i>Incan Civilization</i>
Week 3 3/25-3/29	Easter Holiday
Week 4 4/1-4/5	Easter Holiday
Week 5 4/8-4/12	<u>Topic 4: Lesson 3</u> <i>European Colonization of South America</i>
Week 6 4/15-4/19	<u>Topic 4: Lesson 4</u> <i>Independence for South America</i>
Week 7 4/22-4/26	<u>Topic 4: Lesson 5-6</u> <i>Life and Work in South America</i>
Week 8 4/29-5/3	<u>Topic 4: Lesson 7</u> <i>Challenges Facing South America</i>
Week 9 5/6-5/10	<u>Topic 4: Review</u>
Week 10 5/13-5/17	Full Year Review
Week 11 5/20-5/24	Q4 Review and Exams