



COURSE GUIDE

SOCIAL STUDIES



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Social Studies

1ST GRADE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

2 Semesters

Presenting lessons in ten colorful workbooks, the focus of 1st Grade History & Geography is “Your World.” Students learn about being feelings, family relationships, places people live, firemen and policemen, the pilgrims, patriotism, the globe, and different countries.

2ND GRADE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

2 Semesters

2nd Grade History & Geography presents an introductory history of the United States of America. Ten engaging workbooks present lessons on the trail of the Native Americans, the different branches of the government, westward expansion, and America's pioneers. The course also includes a comprehensive study of maps.

3RD GRADE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

2 Semesters

3rd Grade History & Geography is an exploration of the regions of the United States. Intended to give students an overview of the United States, this course lets students set their own pace while studying mountains, rivers, fields, plants, animals, and people in each U.S. region.

4TH GRADE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

2 Semesters

4th Grade History & Geography focuses on world geography, describing the surface of the earth and its natural features or biomes. It also teaches about cultural distinctions, placing special emphasis on North American geography and culture.

5TH GRADE HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

2 Semesters

5th Grade History & Geography focuses on the two major areas of American history and geography. The course covers American history from early exploration through the Reconstruction, with special emphasis given to inventions and technology of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ANCIENT WORLD HISTORY

2 Semesters

The MS Ancient World History course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of ancient world history. This year-long course covers ancient peoples, cultures, civilizations, and innovations through approximately 300 CE. Students are introduced to historical inquiry skills for application to studies of ancient civilizations. Students explore physical and human geography to explain how ancient people interacted with the environment and understand how civilizations developed. Students study early economies and how trade relations affected culture and language. In later lessons, students examine how early forms of government and technology have had a lasting influence on modern civilization.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CIVICS, GOVERNMENT, AND ECONOMICS

2 Semesters

Exploring the structure of the United States government on a national, state, and local level, this course challenges students to learn and understand fundamental concepts and philosophies that led to the creation of the United States Constitution. Students enrolled in this two-semester course analyze the political process, political parties, and influences that affect them both.

MIDDLE SCHOOL U.S. HISTORY

2 Semesters

The Survey of U.S. History course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of the history of the United States. This year-long course surveys the major events and turning points of US history as it moves from the era of exploration through modern times. As students examine each era of history, they will analyze primary sources and carefully research events to gain a clearer understanding of the factors that have shaped US history. In early units, students will explore the geography of the nation and world, as well as assess the foundations of U.S. democracy while examining crucial documents.

ECONOMICS

1 Semester

This semester-long course invites students to broaden their understanding of how economic concepts apply to their everyday lives—including microeconomic and macroeconomic theory and the characteristics of mixed-market economies, the role of government in a free enterprise system and the global economy, and personal finance strategies.

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

2 Semesters

Examining current global issues that impact our world today, this course takes a thematic approach to understanding the development of human systems, human understanding of the world, and human social organization. Divided into two semesters, this high school-level course will challenge students to develop geographic skills, including learning to interpret maps, analyze data, and compare theories.

MODERN WORLD HISTORY

2 Semesters

This year-long course examines the major events and turning points of world history from the Enlightenment to the present. Students investigate the foundational ideas that shaped the modern world in the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, and the Americas, and then explore the economic, political, and social revolutions that have transformed human history.

PSYCHOLOGY

2 Semesters

This two-semester course introduces high school students to the study of psychology and helps them master fundamental concepts in research, theory, and human behavior. Students analyze human growth, learning, personality, and behavior from the perspective of major theories within psychology, including the biological, psychosocial, and cognitive perspectives.

SOCIOLOGY

1 Semester

Providing insight into the human dynamics of our diverse society, this is an engaging one-semester course that delves into the fundamental concepts of sociology. This interactive course, designed for high school students, covers cultural diversity and conformity, basic structures of society, individuals, and socialization.

U.S. GOVERNMENT

1 Semester

This semester-long course provides students with a practical understanding of the principles and procedures of government. The course begins by establishing the origins and founding principles of American government. After a rigorous review of the Constitution and its Amendments, students investigate the development and extension of civil rights and liberties. Lessons also introduce influential Supreme Court decisions to demonstrate the impact and importance of constitutional rights.

U.S. HISTORY I

2 Semesters

U.S. History I is a year-long course that dynamically explores the people, places, and events that shaped early United States history. This course stretches from the Era of Exploration through the Industrial Revolution, leading students through a careful examination of the defining moments that paved the way for the United States of today.

U.S. HISTORY II

2 Semesters

U.S. History II is a year-long course that examines the major events and turning points of U.S. history from the Industrial Revolution through the modern age. The course leads students toward a clearer understanding of the patterns, processes, and people that have shaped U.S. history.



