

# Social Sciences/Studies

## Government

The students will learn about the ins and outs of the US government, while studying court cases and other primary documents, to help them gain a greater understanding about where it started and its current state. Topics that we will focus on include: the history of our government, the Constitution, our rights and responsibilities, the branches of our government, and how our political system works, whether at the local or federal level. The students will use their textbooks to complete assignments, follow along and take notes during PowerPoint presentations, discuss current affairs, and take exams.

## American History

The students will learn, and gain a better understanding, about the history of this continent and country, starting with the early Native American tribes and going up through the 1900s, while also learning about America's role world-wide. Topics that we will focus on include: early American tribes and civilizations, exploration, European colonies, Revolutionary War, the start of our government, the Constitution, the Civil War, the Reconstruction Era, the Progressive Era, Native American history and laws, and World War I. The students will use their textbooks to complete assignments, follow along and take notes during PowerPoint presentations, study maps, timelines, and graphs, and take exams.

## World History

The students will learn about the history of humanity, about the many different civilizations since the beginning, the problems and turmoil that occurred, and the successes and progress that came from when they were overcome. Topic that we will focus include: early civilizations, ancient Greece and Rome, world religions, the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, Reformation, exploration, absolutism, Muslim Empires, Asian cultures, and revolutions. The students will use their textbooks to complete assignments, follow along and take notes during PowerPoint presentations, study maps, timelines, and graphs, and take exams.

## World Geography

The main objective is to learn the five themes of geography and the forces that influence the Earth. Students will also examine different regions and understand the history, economy, and culture of each region. Regions that will be studied are: United States and Canada, Latin American, Africa, Southeast Asia, South Asia, East Asia, and Russia and the Republics. Students will use their textbooks, maps, graphics, and computers to study the different regions.

## **Social Studies**

An economic, social, political and cultural examination of the global community and its development historically. The students will also learn the contributions of many famous Americans and specific events of importance in our history. Time will also be given to discussion of current events and the possible effects of these events on our society. Students will use their textbooks, maps, graphics, and computers to study these topics.

## **U.S. History**

Students will gain an understanding of US history from imperialism, progressivism, and World War I, through the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, and the Civil Rights movement, finishing up with the Vietnam War and current trends. Students will use their textbooks, maps, graphics, and computers to study these topics. Students will also choose a historical topic to research and give a presentation on and the end of the year.

## **Psychology**

Students will gain an understanding of psychology, which is the study of mind and its impact on individuals. Topics that will be covered are: what psychology is, the psychological method, biology and behavior, sensation and perception, consciousness, learning, memory, and thinking. Students will use their textbooks, graphics, and computers to study the different aspects of psychology. Students will also pick a library book to read and give a report on, including a rudimentary psychological discussion about the book's main character.

## **Ethnic Studies/Sociology**

Students will gain an understanding of sociology, which is the study of groups and how they interact in the world. Students will also discuss current events and look at how bias shapes the news that we all consume as well as primary documents from history. Time will be given to the idea of how to debate controversial topics in a civil manner. Students will use their textbooks, graphics, and computers to study the different aspects of sociology.