

Geography

The five themes of geography and the forces that influence the Earth. They 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. They will use the textbooks, maps, graphics, and computers to study the different regions.

World History

Students will gain an understanding of history from the Middle Ages through modern times. Topics that will be covered are: Crusades, Reformation, Renaissance, Enlightenment, French Revolution, Industrial Revolution, World War I and II, and current trends. They will use the textbook, notes, and assignments to gain an understanding of world history.



US History

Students will gain an understanding of US history from the colonies through modern times. Topics that will be covered are: Early national period, Civil War, immigration, Industrial Revolution, imperialism, progressivism, World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Cold War, Civil Rights movement, Vietnam War, and current trends. They will use the textbook, notes and assignments to gain an understanding of US history.

Government

Students will gain an understanding of the US Government and other government systems from around the world. Topics that will be covered are: Development of the current government structure and principles of the constitution, the role of each branch of the government, political participation, state and local government and foreign governments. They will use textbook notes, and assignments to gain an understanding of the US government.

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 thinking, and language intelligence, infancy and childhood adolescence, adulthood motivation and emotion, theories of personality, psychological tests, gender roles, stress and health, psychological disorders and the methods of therapy. They will use the textbooks assignments and discussion to gain an understanding of psychology.

Ethnic Studies/Sociology

Student will gain an understanding of sociology, which is the study of groups and how they interact in the world. The first quarter students will go through an anti-bias study guide from the anti defamation league. Topics that will be covered are: Building a strong anti-bias foundation, cultural identity and values learning how to analyze information and identify examining and challenge bias. The second quarter students will have an in depth look at the Holocaust. Topics that will be covered are: Studying the Holocaust, anti Semitism, Nazi Germany, the ghettos, the "final solution" Jewish resistance, rescuers a non Jewish resistance, survivors and liberators, perpetrators, collaborators and bystander and the children. Both parts of the class the students will rely on discussion and class participation to gain an understanding of sociology.



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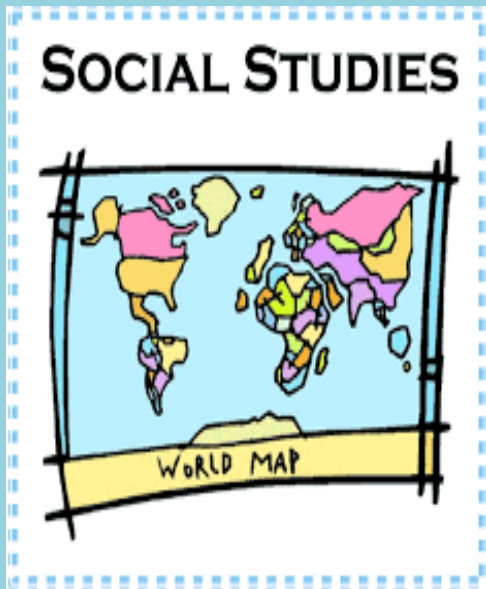
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SOCIAL SCIENCES

Social Studies 7

World Civilizations and World Geography.

An economic, social, political and cultural examination of the global community and its development historically.



Social Studies 7

Main topics covered will be the development of the U.S as an independent nation, conflicts in our history including: Revolutionary War, Civil War WWI and WWII and modern conflicts. Much time will be sent on what led up to these conflicts and how they were resolved. The students will also learn 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 be required to do a variety of projects which are limited to research papers, bulletin boards, models films etc.

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Social Studies 8

We will discuss exploration, the development of class systems, and the impact of acculturation. This course will involve research and writing and the knowledge of world geography.



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