

Curriculum Map - Social Studies - Gr. 6

Month	Content	Skills	Assessment
September - October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geography • Pre-history “Iceman” • The Fertile Crescent • Current Events - anniversary of 9/11/01 <p><u>Essential Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is geography? 2. Why is geography important to understanding civilizations? 3. What tools do we use today to study the past? 4. What was the importance of the development of writing? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how geographic features influenced the development of Sumerian Civilization. • Explain the importance of the development of writing in Mesopotamia • Describe Hammurabi’s Code. • Explain how humans lived during the old stone age using historical clues to learn (i.e. artifacts) about the past. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • objective quizzes, tests • vocabulary work sheet • Iceman DBQ • concept map of civilization • time line project

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October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civilizations of Africa • Africa & the Bantu • West African Kingdoms • East Africa's Great Trading Center • Current Events <p><u>Essential Questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the physical geography affect the development of societies around the world? 2. How did each African society organize its economic activities? 3. How did each society's belief system affect its history? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the physical geography of Africa. • Identify the Bantu people & their movement across the continent. • Identify the trading kingdoms of the West African Savanna. • Describe the kingdoms of the West African rain forest. • Locate the powerful East African civilizations and discuss why the coastal cities were important. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mapping Africa • Guided Reading & review activities. • Explorer's Journal • timeline project • objective quizzes & test

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November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Egypt • The geography of the Nile • Current Events <p>Essential Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why Egypt; that is, what is and ancient culture, or why should I study ancient cultures? 2. What were major contributions of the Ancient Egyptians? 3. What is their legacy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how the geography of North Africa affected the growth and development of Egyptian Civilization. • Explain the power the Pharaohs had in political & religious matters. • Describe the importance of religion and the after life to ancient Egyptians. • Appreciate Egypt's achievements in writing, science, math, medicine. • Identify a document based ques. & strategy for answering a DBQ. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical map of North Africa & the Middle East • research project • written Epitaph on Egyptian citizen • time lines 5.0-time line prog. • Guided Reading & review activity • objective test, quiz • Egyptian museum • practice DBQ

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December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient India • The Indus & Ganges River Valleys • Current Events <p>Essential Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the physical geography of India help to create & sustain a long lasting civilization? 2. What were the major contributions that came from Ancient India? 3. What traditions & customs are still practiced in India today? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover about India's geographic setting & how it affected the growth of a civilization. • Examine life in an ancient city of the Indus River Valley. • Explain the rise of new culture in the Indus & Ganges River Valleys. • Describe the beginnings of Hinduism & the teachings of Hinduism. • Describe the beginnings of Buddha & his teachings & examine how Buddhism was received inside & outside India. • Explain the rise of the Maurya Empire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create political & physical maps of Ancient India & India today. • document based activity (DBQ) • Explorer's Journal-Reading Tables (skills for life) • Guided Reading & review activity • objective test, quizzes

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January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient China • The geography of China's river valleys • Confucious & his teachings • Achievements of ancient China • Current Events <p>Essential Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did the geography of China influence the ancient civilization? 2. What were the major contributions in philosophy, religion, & technology of ancient China? 3. Why do people in China today call themselves "the children of Han"? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the geography of Ancient China. • Describe the early civilization in China. • Identify the importance of family in early Chinese society. • Identify & describe Confucious & his teachings. • Understand the influence Confucianism had on Chinese society. • Identify the different dynasties of ancient China. • Discover the important advances in technology made in China. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical mapping of the geography of China • document based activity (DBQ) • Guided Reading & review activity • Explorer's Journal - identify main ideas • objective quizzes • research project

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February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Greece • Current Events <p><u>Essential Questions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were major contributions of the Ancient Greeks? 2. How did geography affect the ancient civilization? 3. What is the ancient Greek's legacy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe how geography influenced the growth of Greek City-States. • Compare & contrast the ancient & modern Olympics. • Describe ancient Greek culture. • Compare & contrast the cities of Sparta & Athens. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective tests, quizzes • Map of ancient Greece • DBQ of Olympics • Mini research project of Greek festival • Compare & contrast essay of men, women, & slaves of Athens.

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March- April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Rome <p data-bbox="283 1024 569 1057"><u>Essential Questions</u></p> <ol data-bbox="283 1062 789 1373" style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What were major contributions of the Ancient Romans? 2. How did the Greeks influence the Ancient Romans? 3. What was the Roman government's role? 4. How did the Republic change to an Empire? 5. Why did the Roman Empire fall? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the importance of Rome's geographic setting. • Describe Roman government during the republic. • Interpret the influence of Greek culture on Rome. • Summarize the problems that led to the fall of the Roman Empire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DBQ - essay on the changes in democracy • objective quizzes & tests • research project - Roman Emperors • Explorer's Journal • Timeliner

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