

Social Studies - Year At A Glance

Grade 6

Trimester 1:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Map Skills	4 weeks	What is the purpose of maps? Why are maps important in order to see the world in different ways? How do maps influence the understanding of the world?
Five Themes of Geography	6 weeks	Why do people move? Why do people choose to live the place where they do? Where is the best place to live? Is the world ours to alter?

Trimester 2

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Personal Finance	Trimester	Is it important to have a financial direction? Can all your wants/needs be met? How can you prepare a budget to make wise spending decisions?

Trimester 3

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Foundations & Forms Of Government	Trimester	Do we need government? Why are there various forms of government? What are the purposes and functions of government? Are governments structured to address the basic needs of the people in a society? Have shifts in culture(s) impacted the changes in government?

Grade 7

Trimester 1:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Renaissance and Exploration	Half of Trimester	How do land and water routes impact trade? How have ideas and technology spread across the globe and what is the impact? How and why do people move? How have the arts influenced ideas, values, and conflicts of a specific time period?
Early American History	Half of Trimester	Why do people settle where they do? How did European, Native American and colonial traditions, experiences, and institutions form the foundation of American democracy? What is the ethnic and religious impact on the development of the US? How has religion influenced the political life of our nation?

Trimester 2:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Civics	Trimester	How are our state and federal governments organized and what are their responsibilities? What are the major differences between federal, state, and local government? What are the ideals and principles of the American system of government and where do they come from? What makes a good citizen? How can you effectively participate in government?

Trimester 3:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Grade 7 Continued Business Economics	Trimester	How has American productivity changed? What are the factors of production? DOK1 What causes supply and demand? DOK2 How does an idea become a product or service? What happens in each phase of the business cycle?

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Grade 8

Trimester 1:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
Global Economics	Trimester	How does the stock market work ? How does the stock market impact our economy? How do government decisions impact trade? How do changes in the economy affect international trade?

Trimester 2:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
US Conflict and Cooperation	Trimester	What does state government have the authority to do? What does federal government have the authority to do? How has the tension between federal and state authority impacted daily life? Why has tension existed between states' rights and national authority?

Trimester 3:

Unit/Theme	Duration	Essential Questions
World Conflict and Cooperation	Trimester	What are the sources of conflict between countries and people? What is the importance of countries working together to resolve conflict? How have ethnic groups impacted the development of nations? How have the use and abuse of power resulted in mass murder and genocide? Why does the US enter into war with other nations? What is the impact of US foreign policy on domestic affairs?