

Curriculum at a Glance
Social Studies
Grade 7/World Geography and Culture II

World Geography and Culture is a two year course for grades 6 and 7. Students study world regions through the lens of geography and learn about economies, history and civics throughout the world. Relevant global issues provide opportunities for generating and researching compelling questions. Map making and geography skills are emphasized. In addition, 7th grade students learn to analyze different kinds of sources, citing specific textual evidence to support claims through analysis of information. Students utilize multiple note taking techniques. Students identify central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source and identify aspects of a text that reveal an author’s point of view or purpose. Students distinguish among fact, opinion and reasoned judgement in a text. Students determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text including vocabulary specifically related to history/social studies.

Unit Name	Content
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Review of geographical terms and concepts (5 themes)
Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● history ● culture ● geography
Early Empires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pre Columbian America - Aztecs, Incas & Mayas ● Early Europe - Greece, Rome, Medieval, Renaissance ● Early Explorers and exploration
Latin America Mexico Caribbean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explorers - Cortez, Pizarro ● Effect of colonization on natives ● Mexico - history, culture, geography

<p>Central America South America</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Brazil - rainforest, poverty ● Imperialism/Panama Canal/Banana Republic ● Latin America Project
<p>Europe</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Industrial Revolution ● WWI and effects ● Russia: Geography, Culture, History ● Holocaust ● WWII and effects ● Cold War/Communism, Cuban missile crisis
<p>Globalization</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Study of different examples of globalization - Roman Empire/Silk Road/Colonization/World Religion/Rise of communism/Columbian exchange/American imperialism/Industrial revolution/Outsourcing/Technological Revolution/Economic Interdependence/Arab Spring/Professional sports