

7th Grade Social Studies Curriculum
Text-World Studies: Africa, Latin America and Europe & Russia
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Purpose

In the 7th grade social studies curriculum, students will explore through engaged learning, technology, and text the development of Africa, Latin America and Europe. The final component will be a summation of world governments and economic systems and how they compare to the U.S. government and Constitution.

Units of Study

Unit 1- World Studies: Africa

- 1. Physical Geography**
 - a. Chapter 1**
- 2. History**
 - a. Chapter 2**
- 3. Culture**
 - a. Chapter 3**
- 4. Regions**
 - a. West Africa**
 - i. Chapter 5**
 - b. East Africa**
 - i. Chapter 6**
 - c. Central and Southern Africa**
 - i. Chapter 7**

Unit 2- World Studies: Europe and Russia

- 1. Physical Geography**
 - a. Chapter 1**
- 2. History**
 - a. Chapter 2**
- 3. Culture**
 - a. Chapter 3**
- 4. Regions**
 - a. Western Europe**
 - i. Chapter 4**
 - b. Eastern Europe and Russia**
 - i. Chapter 5**

Unit 3 – World Studies: Latin America

- 1. Physical Geography**
 - a. Chapter 1**
- 2. History**
 - a. Chapter 2**
- 3. Culture**

- a. Chapter 3
- 4. Regions
 - a. Mexico and Central America
 - i. Chapter 4
 - b. Caribbean
 - i. Chapter 5
 - c. South America
 - i. Chapter 6

Unit 4 – U.S. Constitution and Comparative Governments/Economic Systems

- 1. U.S. Constitution
- 2. Comparative Governments
- 3. Economic Systems

Project Description

This curriculum will give the teacher a basic guideline to teach 7th grade social studies. The curriculum includes state goals and standards, a course syllabus, calendar, unit and chapter plans, and assessment tools. Teachers will be asked to use these tools but are also encouraged to bring their own creativity into their social studies classroom.

Links to Strategic Plan

This project is connected to the strategic plan because it helps to encourage passionate continuous learners and bring about caring responsible citizens in a global community.

Articulation With Other Levels

The 7th grade social studies curriculum is closely linked with the 6th grade social studies curriculum. The curriculum has been subdivided appropriately. The 6th grade has developed curriculum highlighting early cultures, ancient Egypt, ancient/modern Middle East, India, China, Greece and Rome. With the 6th grade curriculum as a backdrop, the 7th grade curriculum will travel around the world and history through Africa, Latin America and Europe. The U.S. Constitution will build a bridge from the 7th grade curriculum to the 8th grade U.S. History curriculum.

Units of Study

Unit 1- World Studies: Africa

- 1. Physical Geography**
- 2. History**
- 3. Culture**
- 4. North Africa**
- 5. West Africa**
- 6. East Africa**

Unit 2- World Studies: Europe and Russia

- 1. Physical Geography**
- 2. History**
- 3. Culture**
- 4. Western Europe**
- 5. Eastern Europe and Russia**

Unit 3 – World Studies: Latin America

- 1. Physical Geography**
- 2. History**
- 3. Culture**
- 4. Mexico and Central America**
- 5. The Caribbean**
- 6. South America**

Unit 4 – U.S. Constitution and Comparative Governments/Economic Systems

- 1. U.S. Constitution**
- 2. Comparative Governments**
- 3. Economic Systems**