6th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

SIXTH GRADE

* **Sixth grade students will:**
  + *study the beginning of early civilizations through the fall of the Roman Empire.*
  + *study the geographical, social, economic, and political foundations for early civilizations progressing through the Roman Empire.*
  + *analyze the shift from nomadic societies to agricultural societies.*
  + *study the development of civilizations, including the areas of Mesopotamia, Egypt, India, China, Ancient Israel, Greece, and Rome.*
  + *study the impact of geography, early history, cultural development, and economic change.*
  + *study of physical and political features, economic development and resources, and migration patterns.*
  + *study the decline and fall of the Roman Empire.*

*7th Grade Social Studies Syllabus*

##### Seventh grade students will:

-explore the social, cultural, geographical, political and technological changes that occurred after the fall of the Roman Empire and in Medieval Europe.

-study the period from the fifth to the eighteenth century, including the Arabic world, Africa, China, and Japan, but with a heavier emphasis on western civilization in Europe during the Renaissance and Reformation.

-compare and contrast the history and geography of civilizations that were developing concurrently throughout these continents during medieval times.

-examine the growth in economic interactions among civilizations as well as the exchange of ideas, beliefs, technologies, and commodities.

-learn about the resulting spread of Enlightenment philosophies and the examination of new concepts of reasoning toward religion, government, and science that continue to influence our world today.

-analyze geography’s influence on the development of these civilizations as they continue their study of world history and geography.

-end the year by examining the Meso-American and Andean civilizations, and the age of European explorations.

Appropriate informational texts and primary sources will be used in order to deepen the understanding of how these civilizations influence the modern world.

8th Grade Social Studies

##### Eighth grade students will:

-study the European exploration of North America, along with the geographic features that influenced early settlements and colonies.

-study the development and maturation of the British colonies, and the political, cultural, and economic influences that led to the American Revolution.

-analyze the major events and outcomes of the American Revolution and become familiar with the individuals that played influential roles in the development of the new nation.

-follow the development of the United States and its government, continuing through the early 19th century.

-analyze the impact of the expansion of the United States, including implications on domestic and foreign policy.

-study policies that affected the American Indians.

-examine the events leading up to the Civil War, along with the individuals and events that were significant during the war.

-study the history, people, government, and geography of Tennessee in order to illustrate the role our state has played in American history.

-study Reconstruction and the development of the American West.

Appropriate primary sources and informational texts will be included in order to enhance understanding of the content.