

Hitch Elementary School Departmental Social Studies
6th Grade- World Cultures
Ray Kinzie, Junior High Social Studies

Instruction Supports the Following CCSS Literacy Components

1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
2. Determine the central idea or information of a primary or secondary source.
3. Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies.
4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in disciplinary text.
5. Describe how a text presents information.
6. Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.
7. Integrate visual information with other texts.
8. Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment.
9. Analyze the relationship between a primary source and a secondary source.
10. Comprehend history/social studies texts in the grade 6-8 grade band.

Grading Weights

- 40%- Major Tests/Individual Projects
- 40%- Group Projects
- 20%- Participation/Quizzes/Homework

Course Purpose

This social studies class explores the major disciplines and themes of the social sciences with a focus on North American civilizations up to the Civil War. The course is developed around a variety of primary and secondary sources.

Course Textbook

Our World's Story (Harcourt Brace)

Unit 1- Early People and Lifeways

First Quarter

Week 1- Themes and Disciplines of the Social Sciences

Week 2- Enrichment

Week 3- People of the Stone Age

Week 4- People of the Stone Age Enrichment

Week 5- People of the Fertile Crescent

Week 6- People of the Fertile Crescent Enrichment

Unit 2- Cradles of Civilization

Week 7- African Civilizations of the Nile Valley

Week 8- African Civilizations of the Nile Valley Enrichment

Week 9- Early Civilizations in Asia and the Americas

Week 10- Early Civilizations in Asia and the Americas

Second Quarter

Unit 3- Asia's Classical Age

Week 11- China

Week 12- China Enrichment

Week 13- India and Persia

Week 14- India and Persia Enrichment

Unit 4- The Mediterranean

Week 15- Ancient Greece

Week 16- Ancient Greece Enrichment

Week 17- Ancient Rome

Week 18- Ancient Rome Enrichment

Unit 5- Rise of New Empires

Week 19- Heirs of Rome and Persia

Week 20- Heirs of Rome and Persia Enrichment

Third Quarter

Week 21- Empires in Asia and the Americas

Week 22- Empires in Asia and the Americas Enrichment

Unit 6- Growth of Trade

Week 23- Overland Trade

Week 24- Overland Trade Enrichment

Week 25- Sea Trade

Week 26- Sea Trade Enrichment

Unit 7- The Early Modern Times

Week 27- New Directions for Europe

Week 28- New Directions for Europe Enrichment

Week 29- Europe, Africa, and the Americas Interact

Week 30- Europe, Africa, and the Americas Interact

Fourth Quarter

Week 31- Changes in Asia

Week 32- Changes in Asia Enrichment

Unit 8- Times of Rapid Change

Week 33- The Growth of Democracy

Week 34- Growth of Democracy Enrichment

Week 35- Beginning of the Industrial Age

Week 36- Beginning of the Industrial Age Enrichment

Week 37- The World at War

Week 38- The World at War Enrichment

Week 39- World War II

Week 40- World War II