

Grade 7 Social Studies

Scope and Sequence

Quarter 1

Unit 1.1: Students as Historians, 20 days

Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies

HP 1: History is an account of human activities that is interpretive in nature.

- (7-8)–1 Students *act as historians*, using a variety of tools (e.g., artifacts and primary and secondary sources) by...
- identifying appropriate sources and using evidence to substantiate specific accounts of human activity
 - drawing inferences from Rhode Island History about the larger context of history (e.g., Opening of Japan, Separation of Church and State, Industrialism)

HP 2: History is a chronicle of human activities, diverse people, and the societies they form.

- (7-8)–1 Students connect the past with the present by...
- determining the cause(s) and effect(s) of specific historical events that impact RI today
- (7-8)–2 Students chronicle events and conditions by...
- identifying key events and people of a particular historical era or time period (e.g., centuries, BCE, “The Sixties”)
- (7-8)–3 Students show understanding of change over time by...
- establishing a chronological order by working backward from some issue, problem, or event to explain its origins and its development over time; and to construct an historical narrative

G 1: The World in Spatial Terms: Understanding and interpreting the organization of people, places, and environments on Earth’s surface provides an understanding of the world in spatial terms.

- (7-8)–1 Students understand maps, globes, and other geographic tools and technologies by...
- identifying and utilizing a variety of maps for different purposes.
 - utilizing technology to access geographic databases such as GPS and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

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Reading Standards

Key Ideas and Details

RH.6-8.1 Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

RH.6-8.10 By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing Standards

Text Types and Purposes

- WHST.6-8.2 Write informative/explanatory texts, including the narration of historical events, scientific procedures/experiments, or technical processes.
- a. Introduce a topic clearly, previewing what is to follow; organize ideas, concepts, and information into broader categories as appropriate to achieving purpose; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.
 - b. Develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.
 - c. Use appropriate and varied transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.
 - d. Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.
 - e. Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone.
 - f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the information or explanation presented.

Production and Distribution of Writing

WHST.6-8.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Range of Writing

WHST.6-8.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Unit 1.2: Purposes of Government, 15 days

Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies

C&G 1: People create and change structures of power, authority, and governance in order to accomplish common goals.

- (7-8) –1 Students demonstrate an understanding of origins, forms, and purposes of government by...
- a. identifying and explaining the origins and basic functions of government
 - c. explaining what happens when political structures do or do not meet the needs of people (e.g., democracy v. anarchy)

C&G 2: The *Constitution* of the United States establishes a government of limited powers that are shared among different levels and branches.

- (7–8) –2 Students demonstrate an understanding of the democratic values and principles underlying the U.S. government by ...
- a. explaining how democratic values are reflected in enduring documents, political speeches (discourse), and group actions

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Quarter 2

Unit 2.1: Patterns of Conflict and Cooperation, 18 days

Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies

HP 4: Historical events and human/natural phenomena impact and are influenced by ideas and beliefs.

- (7-8) –1 Students demonstrate an understanding that geographic factors and shared past events affect human interactions and changes in civilizations by...
 - a. citing specific evidence to explain how geographic factors impacted a civilization's adaptation, development or decline (e.g., Fertile Crescent, China, Westward Expansion).
- (7-8) –2 Students demonstrate an understanding that innovations, inventions, change, and expansion cause increased interaction among people (e.g., cooperation or conflict) by...
 - a. identifying and describing how traits of civilization develop in response to innovations, inventions, change and territorial expansion.

HP 5: Human societies and cultures develop and change in response to human needs and wants.

- (7-8) –1 Students demonstrate an understanding that a variety of factors affect cultural diversity within a society by...
 - b. applying demographic factors (e.g., urban/rural, religion, socioeconomics, race, ethnicity) to understand changes in cultural diversity in an historical and contemporary context.

G 3: Human Systems: (Movement) Human systems, and human movement affect and are affected by distribution of population and resources, relationships (cooperation and conflict), and culture.

- (7-8) –3 Students understand how geography influences human settlement, cooperation or conflict by...
- a. using evidence to build a logical argument in support or in opposition to expansion of human settlement.

E 2: Producers and consumers locally, nationally, and internationally engage in the exchange of goods and services.

- (7-8) – 2 Students analyze how Innovations and technology affects the exchange of goods and services by...
- a. describing how inventions, innovations, and technology stimulate economic growth by expanding markets, creating related industries, and improving the flow of goods and services.
 - b. explaining how innovations and technology positively or negatively impact industries, economies, cultures, and innovations.

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Reading Standards

Key Ideas and Details

- RH.6-8.3 Identify key steps in a text’s description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).
- RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- RH.6-8.10 By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently

Production and Distribution of Writing

- WHST.6-8.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

- WHST.6-8.7 Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

Range of Writing

- WHST.6-8.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Unit 2.2: Structure of Government, 20 days

Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies

C&G 2: The *Constitution* of the United States establishes a government of limited powers that are shared among different levels and branches.

- (7-8)–1 Students demonstrate an understanding of United States government (local, state, national) by...
- a. identifying the functions of the three branches of government; and analyzing and describing the interrelationship among the branches (i.e., checks and balances/ cause and effect, separation of powers)

C&G 4: People engage in political processes in a variety of ways.

- (7-8)–1 Students demonstrate an understanding of political systems and political processes by...
- b. describing how and why individuals identify themselves politically (e.g., Federalist, Anti-federalist, suffragette, pacifist, nationalists, socialists)
- (7-8)-2 Students demonstrate their participation in political processes by...
- a. expressing and defending an informed opinion and presenting their opinion to an audience beyond the classroom (e.g., political cartoon, letter, speech, emailing Congressional membership)
 - b. describing their role and impact in the voting process
- (7-8)-3 Students participate in a civil society by...
- c. recognizing the cause(s) and effect(s) of taking a civil action

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Reading Standards

Key Ideas and Details

- RH.6-8.2 Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- RH.6-8.10 By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Production and Distribution of Writing

- WHST.6-8.5 With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.

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Range of Writing

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Quarter 3

Unit 3.1: Civic Ideals and Practice, 15 days**Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies**

C&G 2: The *Constitution* of the United States establishes a government of limited powers that are shared among different levels and branches.

- (7-8)–2 Students demonstrate an understanding of the democratic values and principles underlying the U.S. government by ...
- c. exhibiting and explaining what it means to be a responsible citizen in the state and nation

C&G 3: In a democratic society, all people have certain rights and responsibilities.

- (7-8)–2 Students demonstrate an understanding of how individuals and groups exercise (or are denied) their rights and responsibilities by...
- a. identifying an issue, proposing solutions, and developing an action plan to resolve the issue.

C&G 4: People engage in political processes in a variety of ways.

- (7-8)–3 Students participate in a civil society by...
- a. demonstrating an understanding and empathy for the opinions of others (e.g., listening to and asking relevant questions, considering alternative perspectives, voicing alternative points of view, recognizing bias).

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RH.6-8.5 Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- RH.6-8.10 By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing Standards**Production and Distribution of Writing**

- WHST.6-8.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
- WHST.6-8.6 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.

Range of Writing

- WHST.6-8.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Unit 3.2: People’s Roles, 17 days**Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies****C&G 3: In a democratic society all people have certain rights and responsibilities.**

- (7-8)–2 Students demonstrate an understanding of how individuals and groups exercise (or are denied) their rights and responsibilities by...
- c. identifying the impact of an historic court case

HP 3: The study of history helps us understand the present and shape the future.

- (7-8)–2 Students make personal connections in an historical context (e.g., source-to-source, source-to-self, source-to-world) by...
- a. recognizing and reflecting on how the similarities of human issues across time periods influence their own personal histories (e.g., so what? *How does this relate to me?*)

HP 5: Human societies and cultures develop and change in response to human needs and wants.

- (7-8)–1 Students demonstrate an understanding that a variety of factors affect cultural diversity within a society by...
- a. identifying how movement (e.g., ideas, people, technology) impacts cultural diversity.
- (7-8)–3 Various perspectives have led individuals and/or groups to interpret events or phenomena differently and with historical consequences by...
- a. describing how and why various factors impact an individual or a group’s perspective of events.

E 1: Individuals and societies make choices to address the challenges and opportunities of scarcity and abundance.

- (7-8)–1 Students demonstrate an understanding of basic economic concepts by...
- a. explaining the relationship between resources and industry.
 - b. explaining the relationship between the producers in a real-world and historical context.

E 2: Producers and consumers locally, nationally, and internationally engage in the exchange of goods and services.

- (7-8)–1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the variety of ways producers and consumers exchange goods and services by...
- a. explaining how and why incentives (price, advertising, supply, or need) affect how buyers and sellers interact to determine market value.

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Reading Standards

Craft and Structure

- RH.6-8.6 Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author’s point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment.

Range of Reading and Level of Text Complexity

- RH.6-8.10 By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6–8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

Writing Standards

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

- WHST.6-8.8 Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.

Production and Distribution of Writing

- WHST.6-8.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Range of Writing

- WHST.6-8.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.

Quarter 4

Unit 4.1: Economic, Social, & Political Movements of People, 18 days

Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies

C&G 1: People create and change structures of power, authority and governance in order to accomplish common goals.

- (7-8)-1 Students demonstrate an understanding of origins, forms, and purposes of government by...
- b. comparing and contrasting different forms of government (e.g., dictatorship, democracy, theocracy, republic, monarchy)
 - d. explaining how geography and economics influence the structure of government

C&G 3: Human Systems: (Movement) Human systems and human movement affect and are affected by distribution of populations and resources, relationships (cooperation and conflict), and culture.

- (7-8)–2 Students demonstrate an understanding of how individuals and groups exercise (or are denied) their rights and responsibilities by...
- b. identifying and explaining how an action taken by an individual or a group impacts the rights of others

E-1: Individuals and societies make choices to address the challenges and opportunities of scarcity and abundance.

- (7-8)–1 Students demonstrate an understanding of basic economic concepts-by...
- c. researching and analyzing the impact of surplus, subsistence, and scarcity.
- (7-8)–2 Students demonstrate an understanding that scarcity and abundance causes individuals to make economic choices by...
- a. explaining the pros and cons of consumer and producer choices.

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Reading Standards

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RH.6-8.7 Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.
- RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.

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Writing Standards**Production and Distribution of Writing**

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Research to Build and Present Knowledge

WHST.6-8.9 Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.

Range of Writing

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Unit 4.2: Interconnected World, 17 days**Grade-Span Expectations for Social Studies****C&G 5: As members of an interconnected world community, the choices we make impact others locally, nationally and globally.**

- (7-8) – 1 Students demonstrate an understanding of the many ways Earth’s people are interconnected by...
- a. tracing and explaining social, technological, geographical, economical, and cultural connections for a given society of people (trade, transportation, communication)
- (7-8)-2 Students demonstrate an understanding of the benefits and challenges of an interconnected world by...
- b. considering competing interests on issues that benefit some people and cause other people to suffer (e.g. slavery, whaling, oil exploration)

HP 1: History is an account of human activities that are interpretive in nature.

- (7-8) –2 Students interpret history as a series of connected events with multiple cause-effect relationships, by...
- a. investigating and analyzing historical and visual data in order to draw connections between a series of events

G 2: Places and Regions: Physical and human characteristics (e.g; culture, experiences, etc.) influence places and regions.

- (7-8) –1 Students understand the physical and human characteristics of places by...
- a. explaining and/or connecting how and why the geographical features influenced population settlement and development of cultures (e.g., customs, language, religion, and organization).
- (7-8) –2 Students distinguish between regions and places by...
- a. analyzing and explaining the geographical influences that shape regions and places.

- (7-8)–4 Students understand how geography contributes to how regions are defined / identified by...
- a. understanding the difference between formal, vernacular, and functional regions

G4: Environment and Society: Patterns emerge as humans settle, modify, and interact on Earth’s surface to limit or promote human activities.

- (7-8)–1 Students explain how humans depend on their environment by...
- a. analyzing how human dependence on the environment impacts political, economic and social decisions.

E1: Individuals and societies make choices to address the challenges and opportunities of scarcity and abundance

- (7-8)–3 Students demonstrate an understanding that societies develop different ways to deal with scarcity and abundance by...
- a. explaining the relationship between availability, distribution and allocation of goods and services.
 - b. explaining how scarcity impacts the organization of society and development of civilization.

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Integration of Knowledge and Ideas**

Reading Standards

Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

- RH.6-8.8 Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text./
- RH.6-8.9 Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.

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