

Social Studies: Grade 7

UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
6	<p><u>Tracing History</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historians • Geography • Economics • Citizenship • Agricultural Revolution • Early Humans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is history important? • How do we learn about the past? • How do you research history? • How does geography influence the way people live? • Why do people form governments? • How do people adapt to their environments?
6	<p><u>Middle Eastern Civilizations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sumerians • Mesopotamian Empires • The Nile River • Life in Ancient Egypt • Egypt's Empire • The Kingdom of Kush • The Israelite Kingdom • The Development of Judaism • The Jews in the Mediterranean World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does geography influence the way people live? • Why does conflict develop? • Why do civilizations rise and fall? • How do religions develop and shape society?
6	<p><u>Asian Civilizations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Civilizations • Religions of Ancient India • The Mauryan Empire • The Birth of Chinese Civilization • Society and Culture in Ancient China • The Qin and Han Dynasties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do geography and new ideas influence the way people live? • How do religions develop? • What makes a culture unique? • Why do governments change?
6	<p><u>Mediterranean Civilization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise of Greek Civilization • Sparta and Athens • Greece and Persia • Athenian Democracy • Greek Civilization • Alexander the Great • Hellenistic Culture • Rome: Republic to Empire • Rome's Decline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does geography influence the way people live? • Why do civilizations rise and fall? • How are footprints of the past still apparent in the world today?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Byzantine Empire 	
6	<p><u>Religion and Civilizations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise of Christianity • Early Christianity • The Early Church • Christian Europe • Islamic Civilization • New Faith • Spread of Islam • Life in Islamic World 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the characteristics of a leader? • How do religions develop? • How do new ideas change the way people live?
6	<p><u>African Civilization</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise of African Civilization • African Governments and Religions • African Society and Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does trade impact the development of a civilization and culture? • How do religions develop and shape society? • How does the arrival of outsiders impact a society?