



# Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy

## Lower School Lower Elementary– Social Studies

### *Grades K - 3 Scope and Sequence*

### *Vision*

*Students acquire an awareness and understanding of the world, its people, and its history, while investigating ways the past has influenced the present and how it can impact the future. Within the diverse range of Christian perspective, students explore patterns of human and environmental interaction through history, geography, government, and economics. We seek to help students successfully and ethically evaluate and navigate a digital world. Students grow in their ability as Christian citizens to bring reasoned decision making to a democratic society, and a culturally diverse and fallen world.*

### *Content Standards and Core Competencies*

<i>Content Standards</i>	<i>Core Competencies</i>
<i>Students explore the following broad content themes and topics:</i>	<i>Students work to master the following overarching skills:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ History</li> <li>❖ Government</li> <li>❖ Economics</li> <li>❖ Geography</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Historical Thinking</li> <li>❖ Awareness of Time, Continuity, and Change</li> <li>❖ Geographical Awareness</li> <li>❖ Citizenship</li> <li>❖ Economic Awareness and Financial Literacy</li> <li>❖ Media Fluency</li> <li>❖ Information Fluency</li> <li>❖ Problem-Solving</li> <li>❖ Communication and Collaboration</li> <li>❖ Theological Integration</li> </ul>

**Kindergarten Topics:** Citizenship: working together, rules, responsibilities in society; Family and Friends: likenesses/differences of the world’s people, respect for cultural diversity; Holidays; Christian Heritage of the U.S.; Historical Leaders: famous American Presidents, contributions of Martin Luther King Jr; Economics: needs and wants; International Week or Marketplace A.D. (A simulation of life/culture when Jesus lived on earth); computer assisted instruction using appropriate geography resources. (K-Prep at developmentally appropriate levels.)

**Grade 1 Topics:** Family Life: self, families, communities and societies; Christian Heritage of the U.S.: Pilgrims and early settlers, Colonial America; Roles and Responsibilities of Present and Historical Leaders; Famous Americans and Black History; Map and Globe Skills: cardinal directions, map symbols, continents and oceans; Geography and Cultural Studies: country studies (U.S.A. and other countries around the world); Ecology: taking care of God’s earth; International Week or Marketplace A.D.; Computer assisted instruction using appropriate websites.



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**Grade 2 Topics:** Relationships: families and friends; Communities: emphasis on geographical, social, economic and civic aspects; Government: the election process, leaders, Washington D.C.; Map skills: cardinal directions, landforms, use of political and physical maps; Multicultural groups: Native Americans, African Americans, immigrants; Christmas traditions around the world; Ecology: environmental protection, conservation, endangered animals; Economics: wants and needs, goods and services, income, interdependence of consumer and producer; International Week or Marketplace A.D.; computer assisted instruction using appropriate websites.

**Grade 3 Topics:** U.S. Geographic Regions: landforms, geographic terms, culture, customs, natural resources; Map Skills: use of different kinds of maps and map keys; Native Americans; Explorers; Ohio history; Colonial America: emphasis on history of the colonies and how geography affected the settlements; Introduction to American Revolution; U.S. Government: local, state, and national; Antarctica; International Week or Marketplace A.D.; use of library and technology resources for various projects.