



Social Studies Department Courses

Honors 5th Grade Social Studies

2 semesters | 1 credit

Honors 5th Grade Social Studies is designed to provide students with an understanding of the history, geography, economics, and government of the United States. Students study the early history of the United States, including the Colonial period, the Revolutionary War, and the founding of the United States. Students also study the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and analyze how these documents have shaped American government and society. Students will be challenged to push themselves academically, think creatively, and develop a deeper understanding of the complex relationships that develop as a result of people interacting with their environment. Overall, this course is designed to enable students to ask important questions about the American identity and pursue their answers. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 6th Grade Social Studies.

Honors 6th Grade Social Studies

2 semesters | 1 credit

In Honors 6th Grade Social Studies, students learn about the history, economics, and governments of different peoples in the Western Hemisphere through the study of geography. Students analyze data from a geographic perspective using the skills and tools of geography and analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Western Hemisphere. Students identify the characteristics, distribution, and demographic patterns of these peoples, analyze the interactions of humans and their environment, and compare common physical and human characteristics of regions that create identity and influence people's perceptions of the Western Hemisphere. Students will be challenged to push themselves academically, think creatively, and develop a deeper understanding of the complex relationships that develop as a result of people interacting with their environment. Overall, this course is designed to enable students to ask important questions about the identities and perspectives of people in the Western Hemisphere and pursue their answers. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 7th Grade Social Studies.

Honors 7th Grade Social Studies

2 semesters | 1 credit

In Honors 7th Grade Social Studies, students learn about the history, economics, and governments of different peoples in the Eastern Hemisphere through the study of geography. Students analyze data from a geographic perspective using the skills and tools of geography and analyze the physical systems of the major regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. Students identify the characteristics, distribution, and demographic patterns of these peoples, analyze the interactions of humans and their environment, and compare common physical and human characteristics of regions that create identity and influence people's perceptions of the Eastern Hemisphere. Students will be challenged to push themselves academically, think creatively, and develop a deeper understanding of the complex relationships that develop as a result of people interacting with their environment. Throughout this course, students



engage in a variety of activities including reading primary sources, analyzing maps and charts, and participating in group projects and discussions. Overall, this course is designed to enable students to ask important questions about the identities and perspectives of people in the Eastern Hemisphere and pursue their answers. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Honors 8th Grade Social Studies.

Honors 8th Grade Social Studies

2 semesters | 1 credit

In Honors 8th Grade Social Studies, students learn about the economics, government, and geography of the United States by analyzing major events in America's history. Students study the founding of the United States, including the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, the Federalist Era, the Louisiana Purchase, and the War of 1812. Students also study the westward expansion of the United States, including the Trail of Tears, the Mexican-American War, and the California Gold Rush. They also learn about the causes and consequences of the Civil War including the Emancipation Proclamation and the Reconstruction Era. In addition to history, students also study economics and government. They learn about the principles of capitalism, including supply and demand, competition, and entrepreneurship, and the different branches of government, including their roles and responsibilities. Students will be challenged to push themselves academically, think creatively, and develop a deeper understanding of the complex relationships that develop as a result of various economic, political, geographic, or historical causes. Throughout this course, students engage in a variety of activities including reading primary sources, analyzing maps and charts, and participating in group projects and discussions. Overall, this course is designed to enable students to ask important questions about American identity and perspectives and pursue their answers. Students who successfully complete this course are prepared to confidently pursue learning in Pre-AP freshman-level course.