

## GRADE 6 SOCIAL STUDIES

### ***Social Studies Practices***

*Social studies practices consist of the following skills, abilities, and habits of mind.*

- **Concept Understanding:** Demonstration of understanding and the ability to apply concepts and processes.
- **Source Analysis:** Interpretation and analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- **Data Analysis:** Interpretation and analysis of quantitative data.
- **Chronological Reasoning:** Identification and analysis of causes, effects, and periodization in history.
- **Comparison:** Identification and analysis of similarities and differences between time periods, locations, events, etc.

### ***Content***

*In sixth grade, the focus is on world civilizations. Knowledge and skills gained in the preceding grades will prepare students for an introductory survey of world history and culture. Students will learn about regions of the world and the societies that have formed there, including their systems of governance, religion, the rights and responsibilities they held, how their societies have changed and continued over time, and how these regions are interconnected economically and geographically.*

*The social studies practices are developed and assessed through study of the content as outlined below.*

#### Prehistory

- The Stone Age
- Emergence of Civilizations

#### The Early Civilizations

- Mesopotamia
- Egypt
- India and China

#### Classical Civilizations

- Greece
- Rome
- Han China

#### The Medieval World

- Islamic Society and Empires
- Feudal Europe
- Japan
- African Kingdoms

#### Age of Exploration

- The European Renaissance
- Great explorations (European, Islamic, Chinese)
- Empires in the Americas: Maya, Inca, Aztec

