

8th Grade Social Studies Curriculum Overview

The 8th grade social studies is The United States in a Global World. This course begins with the period of imperialism and progresses to the present day. It will explore how the United States and other countries are impacted by one another through various political, social, and economic decisions and events.

Learning Resources

- [TCI History Alive: The Ancient World](#)
- [Discoveryeducation.com](#)
- [DBQ Project: Mini-Q's in American and world history](#)

Skills to be developed throughout the course: (bulleted list of skills that students will work on throughout the course)

- Inquiry skills
- Map skills
- Primary and secondary source analysis
- Utilize multiple technology based platforms
- Non-fiction reading and analysis
- Writing skills

In Gower Middle 8th Grade SS Classrooms:

- Students will be able to analyze various primary and secondary sources throughout each unit of study.
- Students will utilize and analyze maps and charts to draw conclusions.
- Students will investigate and analyze events to determine the impact on society.
- Students will communicate their conclusions through speaking and written communication skills.

Units of Study:

- Imperialism
- World War I
- Prosperity and Depression
- World War II
- Genocides
- Cold War Era
- Social Justice movements
- The US and Middle East Relations
- Modern US foreign, domestic, and economic policies

The Learning Standards for this course are (ie Common Core Standards, Illinois Learning Standards, National Standards). Priority standards should be listed and linked below:

- [8th Grade Social Studies Standards](#)

Example:

EXAMPLE Social Studies: Grade 6 Curriculum Overview

Introductory paragraph (3-4 sentences) which includes the learning focus and the Board adopted textbook series that is used as a foundation for the course. (Think of what you share on Curriculum Night)

Skills to be developed throughout the course: (bulleted list of skills that students will work on throughout the course)

- Inquiry skills
- Map skills
- Use of primary and secondary sources

In Gower 6th Grade Social Studies Classrooms:

- Students will be able to....
- Students will learn...
- Students will

Units of Study:

- Early Man/Archeology
- Mesopotamia
- Egypt
- India
- China
- Greece
- Rome

The Learning Standards for this course are the Illinois Social Science Standards.

- Include link to appropriate priority standards