

Wallenpaupack Area School District

Planned Course Curriculum Guide

Social Studies

6th grade

Course Description:

This course is designed to provide a survey of world geography, Pennsylvania history and civics. Students will develop the knowledge and skills necessary to analyze historic and geographic data and materials. Students will demonstrate a basic understanding of geography and civics and the reasons for local, state, and national government.

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January 2024

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COURSE: Social Studies	GRADE/S: 6
UNIT 1: Geography	TIMEFRAME: 6 weeks

PA COMMON CORE/NATIONAL STANDARDS:

7.1.6.A- Describe how common geographic tools are used to organize and interpret information about people, places, and environment.

7.1.6.B - Describe and locate places and regions as defined by physical and human features.

7.2.6.A - Describe the characteristics of places and regions.

7.2.6.B, 7.2.7.B - Describe the physical processes that shape patterns on Earth's surface.

7.3.6.A Describe the human characteristics of **places** and **regions** using the following criteria:

- Population
- Culture
- Settlement
- Economic activities
- Political activities

UNIT OBJECTIVES (SWBATS):

- Use and understand different types of maps.
- Develop an understanding of basic geographic literacy.
- Understand the physical characteristics of Earth.
- Identify and locate the continents and oceans.

INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES/ACTIVITIES:

- Oral questioning
- Short answers
- Class discussion
- Homework
- Peer discussions
- Projects
- Visual presentations
- Internet resources

ASSESSMENTS (Diagnostic/Benchmark/Formative/Summative):

- Tests
- Quizzes
- Projects

DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION (Acceleration/Enrichment):**Remediation:**

- Appropriate accommodations based on the student's IEP/504 Plan
- Colored highlighter for focus
- Explicit modeling followed by systematic guided practice
- Assign narrative selections that are appropriate level of student comprehension

Extension:

- Assign narrative selections that are appropriate level of student comprehension
- Extending skills to the next level of complexity
- Individualized enriched assignments and activities

RESOURCES (Technology Based Resources, Text Resources, etc.):

- Google Earth
- Teacher created resources
- Maps
- Notes/lecture
- Student worksheets
- Video clips

- **KEY VOCABULARY:**

- Continent
- Ocean
- Continents
- Cardinal Directions
- Longitude
- Latitude
- Prime meridian
- Hemispheres
- Equator
- Movement
- Region
- Location
- Human-environment interaction
- Place