

Social Studies 6th Grade

Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
9/5-9/20	Regional Atlas ● Reviewing regions of the world Geography Basics ● Locations ● Latitude and Longitude ● 5 Themes of Geography ● Ways to look at the world ● Understanding and reading Maps Planet Earth ● Rotation of Earth ● Time Zones ● Seasons ● Structure of Earth ● Landforms and Weathering ● Natural forces of earth that shape the land. Climates and Ecosystems ● Climate and Weather ● Temperature and Water ● Water cycle ● Precipitation ● Types of Climate ● Ecosystems	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 1 Lessons 1-3 Pages 2-35
9/21-9/25	People and the Environments ● Environment the resources	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary	Topic 1 Lessons 4-7

	● Renewable and Non-Renewable resources. ● Energy Resources ● Changes in Land ● Human impact on resources ● Population in the planet ● Migration ● Urbanization Culture and Society ● What is culture ● Geography and impact on culture ● Language ● Religion ● Cultural Diffusion ● Science and technology development Economic Basics ● Economics ● Goods and Services ● Economic systems ● Finance Trade and Development ● Types of trade ● Trade barriers and Free Trade ● Economic Development ● Increasing development	● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Pages 36-68
9/26-9/29	Government ● Introduction to Government/origins ● Powers of Government	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary	Topic 1 Lessons 8-10 Pages 69-89

	• Types of Government • Branches of Government • Conflict and Cooperation Citizenship • Becoming a US citizen • Rights and Responsibilities • Citizenship History Basics • Timeline of History • Primary and secondary Sources • Historical Sources • Historical Maps	• Analysis of Primary Source documents • Compare and Contrast events • Critical thinking and Writing • Analysis of political cartoons • Review of geography/Maps • Charts and Graphs • Journal Writing • Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
10/2-10/10	United States and Canada North America and Indian Cultural Regions • Migration • Northern Cultures • Western Cultures • Eastern Cultures American Indian Cultures • Puebloan Culture • Mississippian • Descendents European Colonization • Northwest Passage • New Spain and Spanish Settlements • Christopher Columbus	• Timeline of events • Vocabulary • Analysis of Primary Source documents • Compare and Contrast events • Critical thinking and Writing • Analysis of political cartoons • Review of geography/Maps • Charts and Graphs • Journal Writing • Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 2 Lesson 1-4 Pages 90-124

	● New France ● First English Colonies ● Slavery in English Colonies ● England Gains Power Building Nations ● Independence for the US ● Expansion of the US ● Internal Conflict ● Westward Expansion ● Issues as the US develops ● World Power as the time changes ● Canada Develops		
10/10-10/13	Living in the United States and Canada ● Location of populations ● Natural Resources ● Settlement Patterns ● Migration of People in the US and Canada ● Immigration Policies and Law ● Diverse Cultures US and Canada at work ● Economic Systems ● Effect of Natural Resources on the Economy ● Investment in US and Canada ● Human Capital ● Trade ● Comparing Government systems of US and Canada	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 2 Lessons 5-7 Pages 124-143

	Challenges of US and Canada ● Economic Challenges ● Role of Government ● Social Challenges ● Environmental Issues		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
10/16-10/23	Middle America Olmec and Maya Civilizations ● Who were the people of Middle America ● Maya Civilization and Society ● Maya Achievements Aztec Civilizations ● Where did the Aztec live? ● Cities of the Aztec ● Empires ● Government ● Aztec society ● Achievements of the Aztec Spanish Colonization ● Spanish Exploration and Conquest ● Colonial Spanish Society ● Columbian Exchange Independence for Mexico and Central America ● Independence won ● Revolution and Reform ● A Troubled History ● Era of Democracy	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 3 Lessons 1-4 Pages 144-173

10/24-11/1	History of the Caribbean • First Caribbean People • European Colonization • Transatlantic Slave Trade • Independence • Cuban Revolution Living in Mexico and Central America • Cities in Mexico • Living in Central America • People leaving Central America • Diverse Region • Traditions Mexico and Central America at work • Government in Mexico and Central America • Economy in these regions • Impact of Trade Caribbean Today • Environment effects on the region • Governments of the Caribbean • Economies if the Carribean Challenges Facing Middle America • Environmental Challenges • Economic Challenges • Social Challenges	• Timeline of events • Vocabulary • Analysis of Primary Source documents • Compare and Contrast events • Critical thinking and Writing • Analysis of political cartoons • Review of geography/Maps • Charts and Graphs • Journal Writing • Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 3 Lessons 5-8 Pages 174-197
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
11/2-11/15	South America Early South American Culture	• Timeline of events • Vocabulary	Topic 4 Lesson 1-4

	● Cultures adapting to their environments ● Early Farming and agriculture ● Civilizations emerge in South America Incan Civilization ● Incan Empire ● Developments in the Incan Empire ● Incan Achievements ● Life in Incan culture European Colonization of South America ● Division of South America ● Spanish Conquests ● Colonial Rule ● Colonies built on exports ● Colonial Culture Independence for South America ● Desire of Independence ● Independence in Brazil ● Instability and Poverty ● Political changes and government ● Dictatorship in South America ● Democracy in South America	● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Pages 198-224
11/16-11/30	Living in South America ● Location of the people ● Movement into cities ● Cultures of South America ● Ethnic groups ● Culture in Brazil ● Language South American At Work	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs	Topic 4 Lesson 5-7 Pages 225-241

	● Economies of South America ● Trade ● Economic growth ● Economy in Brazil ● South America Government ● Comparing economies Challenges Facing South America ● Political Challenges ● Fight for peace ● Environmental Challenges ● Economic Issues ● Poverty and inequality	● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages

12/1-12/12	Europe Through Time Early European Cultures ● First People ● Modern Humans ● Early Farming ● Population growth and people spread ● The Bronze Age Ancient Greece ● Geography of Greece ● Early Greek History ● City-States ● Greek government and democracy ● Alexander the Great ● Culture and achievements ● Greek Philosophy Ancient Rome ● Geography ● Etruscans ● Roman Kings ● Republic ● Roman Government ● Expansion of Rome ● Roman Empire ● Achievements ● Religion and the fall of the empire Byzantine Empire ● New Rome ● Divided Church ● Culture and Legacy	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 5 Lessons 1-4 Pages 242-273
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Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
12/13-1/5	The Middle Ages in Europe ● Feudal Society ● Kingdoms and Conquests ● Manors and Serfs ● Age of Charlemagne ● The Church during Medieval Europe ● The Crusades ● Effects of Black Death Renaissance and Revival ● Birth of the Renaissance ● New Ideas ● Age of Discovery ● Reformation ● Religious conflict ● Rulers in Europe Enlightenment and Revolutions in Europe ● Scientific Revolution ● The Enlightenment ● French Revolution ● Napoleon ● Industrial Revolution ● New Countries form Hot and Cold War in Europe ● WWI ● Inflation and Depression ● WWII ● Effects of WWII	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 5 Lessons 5-8 Pages 273-305

	● Cold War in Europe ● Communism in Europe ● Fall of Soviet Union		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
1/8-1/12	Europe Today Europe's Cultural Diversity ● Cultures and Languages in Europe ● Impact of Geography ● Religion in Europe ● Changes in 20th century ● Migration in Europe Living and working in Europe ● Geographic Features ● Natural Resources ● Economics in Europe ● Trade in Europe ● European Union ● German and British Economy Government in Europe ● Forms of Government ● Democracy ● Monarchy ● EU Government Challenges facing Europe ● Environmental Challenges ● Climate Change ● Population Challenges ● European Union Challenges	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 6 Lesson 1-4 Pages 306-345

Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
1/16-2/2	Northern Eurasia Russia Emerges ● Russia Expands ● Culture crossroads ● The Silk Road ● Rulers and Invasions ● Peter the Great ● Russian Empire Expands ● Imperial Age The Soviet Union and Its Breakup ● Russian Revolution ● Stalin and the Cold War ● Communism ● Collapse of Soviet Union ● Putin takes over Living in Northern Eurasia ● Physical Geography of the land ● Settlement Patterns ● Cultural Diversity Northern Eurasia at work ● Governments ● Economic Changes ● Natural Resources ● Industries in Russia Challenges facing Northern Eurasia ● Environmental Challenges ● Pollution	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 7 Lessons 1-5 Pages 346-383

	● Political Changes ● Terrorism		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
2/5-2/4	Africa Human Origins ● Study of Early Humans ● Fossils ● African Beginnings ● Early Hunter Gatherers ● Migration from Africa Ancient Egypt and Kush ● Developing Civilizations ● Kingdoms of Egypt ● Society in Egypt ● Religion and Achievements ● Civilization of Kush	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Event	Topic 8 Lessons 1-2 Pages 384-405
2/4-2/9	Later African Civilizations ● Muslims in North Africa ● Western Trade ● Ghana and Mali ● Axum and Ethiopia ● Blending of Cultures ● East African City States Colonization and Independence in Africa ● European influence ● Atlantic Slave Trade ● Colonialism ● Independence-Before and After	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions	Topic 8 Lesson 3-5 Pages 406-422

	● Apartheid ● Arab Spring Living in Africa ● Settlement Patterns ● Water and the Sahara ● Environment and Culture ● Religion and Ethnicity	*Current Event	
2/12-2/16	Africa at Work ● Governments of Africa ● Economies in Africa ● Trade in Africa ● Comparing Economies Challenges Facing Africa ● Environmental Challenges ● Clean Water ● Changing Land in Africa ● Political Challenges ● Issues with Health and economics ●	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Event	Topic 8 Lesson 6 and 7 Pages 423-437
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
2/19-2/23	Southwest Asia Through Time Origins of civilizations in Southwest Asia ● The first farmers ● Farming in Mesopotamia ● Irrigation and rivers ● Civilization in Sumer	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons	Topic 9 Lesson 1-3 Pages 438-464

	● Sumerian Culture Ancient Empires of Southwest Asia ● The first known empire ● Conflict in Sumer ● End of Sargon empire ● The babylonian Empire ● Legacy of Sumer and Babylonia ● The Phoenicians ● Babylon rises again Origins and Beliefs of Judaism ● Ancient Israelites ● Monotheism ● Abraham ● The Exodus ● Ten Commandments ● The Hebrew Bible ● Laws and Learning ● Basic Teachings ● The Kingdom Divides	● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Event	
2/26-3/8	The Origins and Beliefs of Christianity ● The birth of a religion ● Jesus and his teachings ● The Christian bible ● Christian beliefs ● The spread of Christianity Origins and Beliefs of Islam ● Arabia before Islam ● Ancient Arabia	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing	Topic 9 Lesson 4-7 Pages 465-497

	● Beginning of Islam ● Muhammad and the Hijra ● Islamic teaching ● The Five Pillars of Islam Muslim Empire and the Crusades ● The spread of Islam ● The Caliphs ● Competing groups ● The Dynasties ● The Crusades ● Trade and spread of Ideas ● The Ottoman Empire Modern Nations in Southwest Asia ● European Colonialism ● European Mandates ● Conflict begins ● New Nations ● Modern Turkey ● Conflict in Israel ● Iranian Revolution ● Conflict between Iraq and the West	● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
3/11- 3/22	Southwest Asia Today Cultural Diversity in Southwest Asia ● Region with many faiths and people ● Religion and cultural traditions ● Religion and conflict ● Modern life and the region	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing	Topic 10 Lesson 1-4 Pages 498-539

	• Cultural Diffusion • The role of Women Where people live and work in Southwest Asia • Geography affecting where people live • Settlement • Technology • Resources and their effects • Economic systems • Trade in the area • Economy of Turkey and Israel Government of Southwest Asia • Authoritarian Governments • Democracies and dictatorships • Types of governments in the region • Monarchies Conflicts in Southwest Asia • Conflict and Peace • Israeli Settlements • Peace agreements • Ongoing conflict for land • Conflict in Iraq • Ethnic and Religious conflict • Issues in Syria and Yemen	• Analysis of political cartoons • Review of geography/Maps • Charts and Graphs • Journal Writing • Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/1-4/12	South Asia Early Civilizations in South Asia • Early civilizations	• Timeline of events • Vocabulary	Topic 11 Lessons 1-3 Pages 540-567

	• Early farming and trade • Indus Valley • Origins of Indo-Aryan Culture • The Maurya Empire • The Gupta Empire • Culture and Achievements of early empires The Origins and Beliefs of Hinduism • Roots of Hinduism • Teachings of Hinduism • Hindu beliefs about god and life • Impact of Hinduism Origins and Beliefs of Buddhism • Who was Budha • What is enlightenment • Buddhist Beliefs • Eightfold Path • Spread of Buddhism	• Analysis of Primary Source documents • Compare and Contrast events • Critical thinking and Writing • Analysis of political cartoons • Review of geography/Maps • Charts and Graphs • Journal Writing • Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/15-4/26	Later History of South Asia • After Guptas • Muslim rule spreads in South Asia • Mughal Period • European Colonialism • South Asia After independence • Bangladesh independence Living in South Asia • Geography and Population	• Timeline of events • Vocabulary • Analysis of Primary Source documents • Compare and Contrast events • Critical thinking and Writing • Analysis of political cartoons • Review of geography/Maps • Charts and Graphs	Topic 11 Lesson 4-7 Pages 568-591

	● Religion in South Asia ● Ethnic Diversity South Asia at work ● Governments of South Asia ● Democracy ● Other forms of government in South Asia ● Economies of South Asia ● Resources in the region ● India's Economy Challenges Facing South Asia ● Economic Challenges ● Social and Political Challenges ● Political Conflicts ● Environmental Challenges ● Climate Change	● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/29-5/10	East Asia Early Civilizations of East Asia ● Government in China ● New Dynasty in China ● The first Chinese Empire ● The Great Wall ● The Han Dynasty ● Silk Road and Buddhism ● Life in Ancient China ● Early Korean Civilizations	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing	Topic 12 Lesson 1-6 Pages 594-645

	Chinese Religion and Philosophia • Traditions • Teachings of Confusious • Early Philosophers • Beliefs of Daoism • Chinese Buddhism Later history of East Asia • Tang and Song Dynasties • Government and economics • Mongol Empire • Chinese Achievements • Korean and Japanese Civilizations • Age of Imperialism • Cold war in East Asia Living in East Asia • Patterns of the population • Religion in East Asia • Ethnic Diversity East Asia at Work • Government of East Asia • Economics of East Asia • Natural Resources • Trade in East Asia • Economy in China • North Korean Economy • South Korea Economy Challenges facing east Asia • What economic challenges does the region face	• Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	
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	● Exports in the area ● Trade in East Asia ● Political Challenges ● Environmental Challenges		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
5/13-5/24	Southeast Asia Early History of Southeast Asia ● First Civilizations ● China Expands ● The Start of Empires ● Buddhist and Muslim Monarchies ● Western influence on the region Independent Southeast Asia ● WWII and independence ● Nations gain independence ● Why did the the Vietnam war begin ● Conflict escalates ● End of Vietnam War ● Government in Southeast Asia Living in Southeast Asia ● Where people live ● Farming in Southeast Asia ● Cultural Diversity in Southeast Asia ● Religion in Southeast Asia Southeast Asia at Work ● Government in Southeast Asia ● Economy in Southeast Asia ● The World economy	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 13 Lesson 1-5 Pages 646-681

	● Importance of Trade ● Economic Success in Southeast Asia Challenges Facing Southeast Asia ● Environmental Challenges ● Climate Change ● Political and Economic Change ● Politics in Southeast Asia		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages

5/28-6/11	Australia and the Pacific Early Cultures of Australia and the Pacific ● First people of Australia ● Early Cultures ● Navigators of Polynesia Modern History of Australia and the Pacific ● European Explanation of the Pacific ● Early Exploration ● British Settlement in Australia ● Colonialism in the Pacific ● New Nations gain independence ● Pacific Islands Living in Australia and the Pacific ● Where the people live in Australia and the Pacific ● Pacific Islands ● Cultures of Australia and New Zealand ● Various Cultures in the Pacific Australia and the Pacific at Work ● Government in Australia and New Zealand ● Government in the Pacific Islands ● Economies of Australia and New Zealand ● Resource and Trade ● Economies in the Pacific Islands Challenges Facing Australia and the Pacific ● Threats of rising sea levels ● Climate Change ● Environmental Challenges	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	Topic 14 Lesson 1-6 Pages 682-721
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- Pollution in the Pacific

Antarctica

- Physical geography of Antarctica
- Climate life and resources
- Exploration and research in Antarctica
- Early Explorers
- Climate and the Ozone layer

PA CORE STANDARDS

PA Academic Standards:

- 5.2.6.C. Describe the importance of political leadership and public service.
- 5.2.6.D. Explain why participation in government and civic life is important.
- 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.
- 7.3.6.A. Describe the human characteristics of places and regions using the following criteria: Population, Culture, Settlement, Economic activities, Political activities
- 7.4.6.B. Describe and explain the effects of people on the physical systems within regions.
- 8.4.7.D Explain how conflict and cooperation among groups and organizations have impacted the history of the world.
- 8.4.7.B Explain the importance of historical documents, artifacts, and sites which are critical to world history.
- 8.1.7.C Form a thesis statement on an assigned topic using appropriate primary and secondary sources.
- 8.1.7.B Identify and use primary and secondary sources to analyze multiple points of view for historical events.
- 8.1.7.A Demonstrate continuity and change over time using sequential order and context of events.

COMMON CORE WRITING

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.6

Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.7

Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.8

Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.9

Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.10

By the end of grade 8, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 6-8 text complexity band independently and proficiently.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.1

Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.2

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.7.3

Analyze the interactions between individuals, events, and ideas in a text (e.g., how ideas influence individuals or events, or how individuals influence ideas or events).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.7.1.A

Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.1.A

Introduce claim(s), acknowledge alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.1.B

Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an

understanding of the topic or text.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.1.C

Use words, phrases, and clauses to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among claim(s), reasons, and evidence.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.2.C

Use appropriate transitions to create cohesion and clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.7.2.D

Use precise language and domain-specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.

History

D2.His.12.6-8. Use questions generated about multiple historical sources to identify further areas of inquiry and additional sources.

D2.His.14.6-8. Explain multiple causes and effects of events and developments in the past.

D2.His.16.6-8. Organize applicable evidence into a coherent argument about the past.

D3.1.6-8. Gather relevant information from multiple sources while using the origin, authority, structure, context, and corroborative value of the sources to guide the selection.

D3.2.6-8. Evaluate the credibility of a source by determining its relevance and intended use.

D3.3.6-8. Identify evidence that draws information from multiple sources to support claims, noting evidentiary limitations.

D3.4.6-8. Develop claims and counterclaims while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both.

D4.4.6-8. Critique arguments for credibility.

Geography

D2.Geo.4.6-8. Explain how cultural patterns and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people in both nearby and distant places.

D2.Geo.5.6-8. Analyze the combinations of cultural and environmental characteristics that make places both similar to and different from other places.

D2.Geo.6.6-8. Explain how the physical and human characteristics of places and regions are connected to human identities and cultures.

D2.Geo.9.6-8. Evaluate the influences of long-term human-induced environmental change on spatial patterns of conflict and cooperation

