

Social Studies 7th Grade

Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
9/5-9/15	Origins of Civilizations • Early Humans • Fossils • Location of early humans • Hunter Gatherers Humans Spread out • Modern Humans • Early human migration • Adapting to environments Developing Complex Cultures • Early human Art • Stone Age • Beginning of farming • Domestication of plants and Animals • How did Farming Spread and change culture • First Cities Rise of Civilizations • Important early resources • Early cities, religion and government • Social Classes	• 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 1-5 Pages 4-39

	• Writing		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
9/18-9/22	Civilizations and People of the Fertile Crescent • Fertile Crescent • Mesopotamia • Geography of Mesopotamia • Farming • City-States • Sumerian Culture The First Empires • Conquering Sumer • Early Empires • Babylonian Empire • Assyrian and Persian Empire • Rise of Persian Empire • Government, Art and Religion in Empires The Phoenicians • Origins of Phoenicians • Farming and Trading • Culture of the Phoenicians • The origins of the alphabet	• 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 1-4 Pages 40-70
Dates	Topic	Activity Options	Topic # /Pages

9/25-9/27	Origins of Judaism • Early Israelites • What was the Exodus • Events of early Israelites Beliefs in Judaism • Origins of Religious documents • Teachings of Judaism history Early History of the Jewish People • Start of the Kingdom of Israel • What was the diaspora • Judaism and society • Modern day Judaism	• 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 5-7 Pages 71-91
Dates	Topic	Activities	Topic # /Pages
9/27-10/3	Early Civilizations of India Egypt Under the Pharaohs • Importance of the Nile River • Development of Civilization and Cities • Egyptian Society • Egyptian Cultures Achievements of Egyptian Civilization • Writing and Literature (hieroglyphics) • Architecture • Art, Math and Science • New Technology Egypt and Kush • Importance of Trade	• 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 3 Lesson 1-3 Pages 94-123

	● Trade through the Nile ● Development of Kush ● Impact of Geography ● Accomplishments	*Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
10/4-10/9	Indus Valley Civilization ● Geography of India ● Indus Valley Civilizations India's Vedic Age ● Migration in India ● Vedas ● Caste System Origins and Beliefs of Hinduism ● Origins of Hinduism ● Hindus' Beliefs ● Impact and Tradition of Hinduism	● 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 4 Lessons 1-3 Pages 124-150
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
10/10-10/13	Origins and Beliefs of Buddhism ● Buddha ● Enlightenment ● Buddhist Beliefs ● How did Buddhism Spread The Maurya Empire ● India United ● How did India become and Empire Asoka's Rule	● 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 4-7 Pages 151-175

	● Rise in power of Asoka ● Rules of the Empire ● Asoka's Legacy Gupta Empire ● New Empire in India ● Gupta Culture	● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
10/16-10/20	Early Civilizations of China The Huang Valley ● Geography of China ● Shang Dynasty ● Chinese Culture The Zhou Dynasty ● The Zhou Rule ● Zhou Society ● Cultures of Zhou Chinese Belief Systems ● Traditions ● Teaching of Confucius ● Belief of Daoism	● 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 1-3 Pages 176-196
10/23-10/27	The Unification of China ● The Great Wall ● The first Emperor ● FALL of Qin Dynasty The Han Dynasty ● Governing in the Han Dynasty ● Decline of Han Dynasty ● Silk Road ● Trade and exchange of ideas	● 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 5 Lessons 4-6 Pages 197-215

	Han Society and Achievements • Han Society • Women in China • Economics and Achievements	• Journal Writing • Creating Posters • Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
10/30-11/3	Ancient Greece Ancient Greek Civilization • Influence of Greek Culture on the world • Geography of Greece • Dark ages • Trojan War • City-States • Greek Politics Democracy of Athens • Government in Greece • Greek Military • Democracy Oligarchy in Sparta • Compare to Athens • Military training in Sparta	• 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 Lessons 1-3 Pages 216-250
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
11/6-11/15	Ancient Greek Society • Role of women • Citizens of Greek Society • Economy • Economics • Expansion	• Timeline of events • Vocabulary • Analysis of Primary Source documents • Compare and Contrast events • Critical thinking and Writing	Topic 6 Lessons 4-8 Pages 251-273

	Warfare in Greece ● Persian Wars ● Victory in Athens ● Rivalry of Athens and Sparta Ancient Greek Beliefs and Art ● Greek Mythology ● Greek Religion ● Gods and Goddesses ● Art in Ancient Greece ● Aesops Fables Ancient Greek Learning ● Greek Philosophy ● Important figures in Greek Philosophy ● History and Politics ● Science and Technology ● Math and Medicine ● Alexander the Great	● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
11/16-11/22	Catch up week		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
11/27-12/1	The Roman Empire The Roman Republic Rises ● Geography of Italy ● The start of Rome ● Rome as a Republic ● The people of Italy ● Expansion of Rome Government of the Republic ● Roman Government ● Roman Constitution ● Separation of Powers	● 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	Topic 7 Lesson 1-4 Pages 274-303

	• Checks and Balances • Assemblies and the Senate • Offices of the Romans • Rome leading the way Society in the Republic • Men and Women in Rome • How people lived • Slavery in Rome • Religion in Rome Republic Struggles • Conflict in Italy • Carthage • Changing from a Republic to an Empire • Julius Caesar • End of the Republic	• Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
12/4-12/22	The Roman and Byzantine Empire The Roman Empire Begins • The Empire Rises • Augustus • Roman Achievements • Impact of Aqueducts • Trade and the Economy Origins of Christianity • Religion under Roman Rule • How did Christianity Spread • Christianity and the Roman Empire Beliefs of Christianity • The Bible and other books • Beliefs of Christianity	• 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 8 Lesson 1-5 Pages 304-343

	• Christians around the world • Christian Traditions Roman Culture and Its Legacy • Empire of many cultures • Greco-Roman Culture • Roman Art and Language • Literature and Science in Ancient Rome • Philosophy • Gladiators • Roman Government Decline of the Roman Empire • The Imperial crisis • economic problems • Influence of the barbarians • Constantine's death • Invasions of the Roman Empire • Collapse of the west		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
1/2 -1/12	Life in Medieval Christendom The Early Middle Ages • Geography of Europe • Important Waterways • Migration and New Kingdoms • Age of Charlemagne Christianity Spreads • How did Europe become christian • Role of Monasteries and Convents • The Medieval Church Feudalism and the Manor Economy • Violent times	• 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	Topic 9 Lesson 1-5 Pages 358-399

	• Vikings • Invasions • Feudal Society • Warfare Revival of Towns and Trade • New Ways to Farm • Three Field System • Trade and Industry increase • Towns Grow and Spread • Merchant Banking The Church and Medieval Culture • How did religion affect medieval culture • Architecture • Cultural Values • Universities	• Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
1/15-1/26	Struggle in Medieval Europe Conflicts between popes and monarchs • After Charlemagne • Otto the Great • Holy Roman Empire • Conflicts England Takes Shape • The Norman Conquest • William the Conqueror • Clash of Church and State • Magna Carta The Crusades • The First Crusade • Second-Fourth Crusades	• 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 10 Lessons 1-5 Pages 400-443

	● Religious Persecution ● Effects of the Crusades Decline of Medieval Society ● The Hundred Years' war ● What was the Black Death ● Spread of Disease ● Effects of Black Death		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
1/29-2/2	The Islamic World and South Asia Origins of Islam ● Geographic features of Arabia ● Life in Arabia ● Rise of Islam ● Muhammad ● Mecca ● The Hijrah Beliefs of Islam ● Sources of Islamic Teachings ● Islamic Beliefs about God ● Five Pillars of Islam ● The role of Islam in the lives of Muslims	● 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 11 Lessons 1-2 Pages 444-458
2/5 -2/16	Expansion of the Muslim World ● Spread of Islam ● Muslim Conquests ● Social Divisions ● Roles of men and women ● The Caliphs ● Sunnis and the Shias ● The first Muslim Dynasty	● 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	Topic 11 Lessons 3-5 Pages 459-483

	● The Ottoman Empire Begins Achievements of Islamic Civilizations ● How trade grew ● Textiles and the trade expansion ● Merchants growing the economy ● Philosophy and Medicine ● History and Geography ● Islamic culture and traditions India after the Fall of Gupta ● War weakened the Gupta Empire ● Spread of Ideas ● Change in Hinduism and Buddhism ● Islam arrives in India	● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
2/19-2/23	Civilizations of East Asia and Southeast Asia Tang and Song China ● Tang Dynasty ● A growing China ● Merit System ● Changes in Farming ● Trade influences economy ● Industries expand ● China's Golden Age Mongol and Ming Empires ● Mongol Conquests ● Genghis Khan ● Ruling an Empire ● Yuan Dynasty ● Ming take over	● 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 12 Lesson 1-2 Pages-484-507

2/26-3/1	Chinese Thought and Achievements • Advances in technology • Paper and printing • New inventions • Art and Culture • Belief systems • Buddhism • Confucism • Spread of Chinese culture Emergence of Japan • Geography of Japan • Ring of Fire • Early History of Japan • Japanese government • Political reform • Japanese traditions	• 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 12 Lesson 3-4 Pages-508-521
3/4- 3/12	Japanese Feudalism • Power Shifts in Japan • Imperial court • Clans battle for power • Military gains strength • The first Shogun • Feudalism in Japan • Mongols threaten JapanPeace in Japan Japanese Society and Culture • Golden Age of Japan • Art and Culture in Japan • Japanese Society • Women in Japan • Shinto	• 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 12 Lesson 5-7 Pages 522-545

	• Japanese Buddhism • Effect of Buddhism on Japan Korea and Southeast Asia • Geography of Korea • Economy and Culture • Southeast Asia as crossroads • Kingdoms of Southeast Asia • How did India and Chinese Culture Spread		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
3/12- 3/22	The Civilizations of the Americas The Maya • Settlements and Geography of the Americas • Geographic features • Early peoples of America • Civilizations of the Maya • Mayan Achievements The Aztecs • Settlements of the Aztecs • Capital of the Aztecs • Aztec Empire • Society and Achievements The Incas • Geography and life in the mountain ranges • Expansion of Incan Empire • Government • Achievements • Culture of the Incan	• 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 Lessons 1-3 Pages 546-574

	• Social Order of the Incas		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/1-4/3	North American Cultures • Early Cultures in North America • Life along the Mississippi • Iroquois League • People of the Great Plains • Native Americans of North and Northwest • Western and Southern Cultures •	• 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 4 Page 575-583
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/3- 4/5	African Civilizations The Rise of Ghana and West Africa • Geography of Africa • The Sahara • Sahel and Savanna • Natural Resources • Impact of Rivers • The Rise of Ghana • Technology • Trading of Gold-Salt • Growth of the Empire	• 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	Topic 14 Lesson 1 Pages 584-594

		● Guiding Questions	
		*Current Events	
4/8-4/12	Mali and Songhai ● Rise of Mali ● Economic Exchanges ● Mali at its Peak ● Muslim Culture ● Songhai takes over ● Empires in Africa ● Legacy of Empires Trading States of East Africa ● Kingdom of Kush and Axum ● Growth of Christianity ● East African City States ● Blending of Cultures African Traditions ● Society in West African Empires ● Social Structure ● Slavery in West Africa ● City and Village Life ● African Religions ● Cultural 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	Topic 14 Lesson 2-4 Pages 595-615
		*Current Events	
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/15-4/26	The Renaissance and Reformation What was the Renaissance ● Urban Growth ● The Feudal Order ● The great “Rebirth”	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events	Topic 15 Lesson 1-5 Pages 615-665

	● The beginning of the Renaissance ● Italian City-States ● Florence ● New Learnings ● Spread of Renaissance Ideas Arts and Literature of the Renaissance ● Artistic Revolution ● Artists of the Renaissance ● Advances in Architecture ● Literature Impact of the Renaissance ● How the Renaissance changed daily life ● Women of the Renaissance ● Printing Press ● The Church Reacts Reformation and Reaction ● How did Martin Luther challenge the Church ● Growth of the Reformation ● Counter Reformation Legacy of the Protestant Reformation ● Protestantism ● Reformation in England and Scotland ● Catholicism Dominates Southern Europe ● 30 Years War ● The Impact of the Reformation The Scientific Revolution ● Origins of Scientific Revolution ● Medieval Scholars ● Developments during the Renaissance ● Views of the Universe	● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons ● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
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	● Scientists and their achievements ● Scientific Method		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
4/29-5/10	Global Convergence Voyage of Discovery ● Exploration by Europeans ● Portugal and exploration ● Explorers ● Tools for Explorations Conquest of Aztec and Incan Empire ● How did the Spanish conquer two empires ● Colonization ● Impact of the Conquest ● Cultural Blending ● European Influences ● African Influences The Spanish Empire ● Further Explorations ● Rule of Spain ● Christianity in the Americas ● Colonial Society and Culture ● Effects on Native Americans ● Life on the Plantation Portuguese Empire ● Colonization of Brazil ● Settlement of Brazil ● Colonization effects on Native Americans	● 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 16 Lessons 1-7 Pages 667-723

	● Trade Empire in Asia ● Spice Trade ● Decline of an Empire Impact of Global Trade ● Columbian Exchange ● Life in the Colonies ● Importance of Trade ● Mercantilism and Capitalism ● Market Economy ● Growth of Middle Class Colonial Rivalries in North America ● England's Colonies in America ● Jamestown ● Pilgrims arrive ● New Settlements ● Impact on Native Americans ● Growth of Colonies ● Economics in the Colonies ● Treaty of Paris The Atlantic Slave Trade ● History of Slavery ● Origins of Atlantic Slave Trade ● Triangular Trade ● Life as a slave ● Slave trade Impacts Africa		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
5/13-5/17	Absolutism and Enlightenment Absolute Monarchy in Spain and France ● Ruling of 2 lands ● Spain's Golden Age	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents	Topic 17 Lesson 1-4 Pages 724-761

	● France Expands royal power ● Conflict in France and neighboring areas ● Culture in France Absolutism in Russia and Central Europe ● Russia under the Tsars ● Peter travels west ● Reformation in Russia ● Growing of Russian Empire ● Expansion under Catherine the Great ● Rise of Prussia Rise of Parliament in England ● Conflict between Parliament and the Monarchy ● The Tudors ● English Civil War ● End of Monarchy in England ● Restoration in England Enlightenment ● Age of Reason ● Spread of Ideas ● New political ideas ● Influencing American Leaders	● 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
5/20-5/31	The Revolutionary Era The American Revolution ● Causes of the Revolution ● Boston Massacre and Boston Tea Party ● Breaking away from Britain ● Declaration of Independence ● Victory in America	● Timeline of events ● Vocabulary ● Analysis of Primary Source documents ● Compare and Contrast events ● Critical thinking and Writing ● Analysis of political cartoons	Topic 18 Lesson 1-6 Pages 762-809

	● New Government ● Constitutional Convention French Revolution ● Start of the Revolution ● Radical Society in France ● The Reign of Terror ● Napoleon Takes power ● Creating an Empire ● Exile of Napoleon Nationalism in Europe ● Nation-State ● Nationalist Revolt After Napoleon ● German States ● German Empire ● Nationalist Leaders ● Nationalism in Italy The Industrial Revolution ● Start of the Industrial Revolution ● Technology during the industrial revolution ● Steam Power ● Factory System ● Industrial Cities ● Philosophy and Economics ● Socialism Imperialism and Nationalism ● Imperialism Spreads ● National Pride ● Conflicts of Race and Religion ● Colonial Africa ● Southeast and East Asia	● Review of geography/Maps ● Charts and Graphs ● Journal Writing ● Creating Posters ● Guiding Questions *Current Events	
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	• The Spread of Nationalism The Second Industrial Revolution • Impact on business • Power and Productivity • Assembly Line • Big Business • A higher standard of living • Emigration • Workers and Unions • Labor Laws		
Dates	Topic	Activity options	Topic # /Pages
6/3-6/20	The Modern World World War 1 and the Russian Revolution • Causes of WWI • Imperialism and Nationalism • Militarism and Alliances • Assassination leading to war • A new kind of Warfare • Trench Warfare • Propaganda • War ends • Russian Revolution • Start of the Soviet Union Depression and the Rise of Totalitarianism • Rebellions • Mandate Systems • Discontent in the Middle East • Conflict in Palestine • Depression and the financial crisis • Government Response	• 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 19 Lessons 1-8 Pages 810-875

	• New Deal • Rise of Totalitarianism • Facism in Italy • Nazi Party in Germany World War II • Axis Powers • Aggression leading to war • War begins • War in the East • US enters war • Holocaust • Allied Victory • Cost of war The Cold War • Clash of the superpowers • The Iron Curtain • Cold War Spreads to Asia • War in Vietnam • Arms Race and Space Race • End of the Cold War • Collapse of a superpower New Nations Emerge • End of Imperialism • India Gains independence • New Nations in Southeast Asia • Independence for African Nations • Challenges for Independence The Middle East • Middle East • Arab and Muslim Nations • Nationalism		
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	● Birth of Israel ● Conflict in the Middle East ● Clashes in Muslim Nations and Fundamentalism ● Israel and its neighbors ● War on Terror ● War in Iraq Continuing Conflicts ● Ethnic and National Conflicts ● Struggle for Human rights ● Segregation and Apartheid Living in our Interdependent World ● National Economics ● Developing Nations ● Economics ● Economic Powers Emerge ● New Global Economy ● Challenges of Globalization ● Information Technology ● Information Revolution ● Energy sources ● Protecting the environment ● Climate Change		

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