



6th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Course Details

Course Code: 23010000

Subject: 6th Grade Social Studies

Required Prerequisites: Successful completion of 5th grade Social Studies

Suggested Prerequisites: None

Recommended Grade Levels: 6th

Duration: Varies

Course Availability: A listing of when this course is offered in the current school year can be found on the [VirtualSC Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window).

Class Times:

There are no scheduled class meetings for this course; however, to measure learning, students will complete self-checks, practice lessons, multiple choice questions, projects, discussion-based assessments, and live conferences with an instructor. Students are expected to maintain regular contact with teachers. Students are expected to work on their own to meet the deadlines posted in their course pacing guide. Students should expect to spend 7-9 hours a week working on this course independently, in addition to any live meetings.

Textbook: There is no textbook required for this course.

Required Course Materials: No additional materials required.

Outside Websites: A list of links to websites and online textbooks used in this course can be found here: [VSC Course Links Document Folder \(opens in a new window\)](#). Students will need to be able to access all of these links to access all course materials.

Final Exam: Students in this course take section A and section B comprehensive assessments.

Course Description

Students will study World Civilizations to uncover trends from prehistory to present day. Students will learn what defines civilizations and how geography played a factor in the exchanges, expansion, and formation among and between them. Students will inquire about the various social hierarchies of world civilizations and the changes and continuities of social systems. Students will learn about ancient and classical civilizations and explore their enduring cultural, intellectual, and technological influences. Students will learn about how increased global interactions led to transformations among and between world civilizations. Students will inquire into the development of world civilizations past and present and the connections between Africa, the Americas, Asia, and Europe. Students will continue to explore how these global interactions and exchanges led to cultural, intellectual, and technological advances that have continued to increase societies' global interconnectedness with one another.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [SC College- and Career-Ready Standards for Social Studies Grade 6](#) (opens in a new window).

Scope and Sequence

Unit 1: Rise of Civilizations

- Neolithic Revolution
- Mesopotamia
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient India
- Ancient China
- Ancient Israel
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome

Unit 2: Growth of World Empires

- Early Islamic Empire
- Medieval India
- Chinese Dynasties
- Early Americas
- African Empires
- Europe in the Middle Ages

Unit 3: The Seeds of Modern Europe

- The Renaissance

- Motives for Exploration and Trade
- Reformation
- The Scientific Revolution
- The Enlightenment

Unit 4: Creating the Modern World

- Revolutions in America & France
- Independence in Latin America
- The Industrial Revolution
- Nationalism & Reform
- Imperialism

Unit 5: World in Crisis

- World War I
- Russian Revolution
- Great Depression
- Rise of Dictators
- World War II

Unit 6: Cold War to Contemporary Era

- Post War Tensions
- Cold War Conflict & Resolutions
- New Balance of Power
- Global Community
- Threats to the Modern World

Students will be sent a full list of assignments and their due dates at the beginning of the course.

Current pacing guides for this course can be found on the [Current Course Offerings page](#) (opens in a new window) on the VirtualSC website.

Course Grades

The final grade in this course results from the following:

- Unit Work: 60%
- Course Projects: 40%

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