



7th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Course Details

Course Code: 23100000

Subject: 7th Grade Social Studies

Required Prerequisites: Successful completion of 6th grade Social Studies

Suggested Prerequisites: None

Recommended Grade Levels: 7th

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

Seventh grade students will study Earth from a regional perspective, focusing on the continents. Students will study contemporary places and regions to identify how the experiences of people are rooted in places and organized into geographic regions. Students will learn about Earth's physical conditions (e.g., climate, soils, vegetation) and how these features interact with Earth's other living features. This course also focuses on human systems and the sum of human activities and characteristics (e.g., culture, ethnicity, gender, language, population, religion) that vary across the Earth's surface. These systems also include the spatial distribution of population and the movement, settlement patterns, economic systems, and political systems. Students will explore the interactions between environment and society to learn how human activities modify Earth, how resources are used, and how physical systems, such as climate, present risks to humans. These regional conditions, both physical and cultural, create unique landscapes, an understanding of which lays the foundation for learning about connections to other peoples and places on Earth.

The curriculum used in this course is guided by the [SC College- and Career-Ready Standards for Social Studies Grade 7](#) (opens in a new window).

Scope and Sequence

Unit 1: United States & Canada

- Geography of US & Canada Lesson
- Human Environment Interaction in US & Canada
- People & Culture of the US & Canada
- Government & Economy of the US & Canada
- Modern Issues Analysis: Aging Population

Unit 2: Latin America

- Geography of Latin America
- Human Environment Interaction in Latin America
- People & Culture of Latin America
- Government & Economy of Latin America
- Modern Issues Analysis: Land Use in the Amazon Rain Forest

Unit 3: Europe

- Geography of Europe
- Human Environment Interaction in Europe
- People & Culture of Europe

- Government & Economy of Europe
- Modern Issues Analysis: Immigration & Cultural Change in Europe

Unit 4: Russia

- Geography of Russia
- Human Environment Interaction in Russia
- People & Culture of Russia
- Government & Economy of Russia

Unit 5: North Africa & Southwest Asia

- Geography of North Africa & Southwest Asia
- People & Culture of North Africa & Southwest Asia
- Government & Economy of North Africa & Southwest Asia
- Modern Issues Analysis: Is there life after oil?

Unit 6: Sub-Saharan Africa

- Geography of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Human Environment Interaction of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Culture of Sub-Saharan Africa
- The Government & Economy of Sub-Saharan Africa
- Modern Issues Analysis: Analyzing Solutions to Environmental Risk Factors

Unit 7: South Asia

- Geography of South Asia
- Human Environment Interaction of South Asia
- Culture of South Asia
- The Government & Economy of South Asia
- Modern Issues Analysis: Keeping up with Growth

Unit 8: East Asia

- Geography of East Asia
- Human Environment Interaction of East Asia
- Culture of East Asia
- The Government & Economy of East Asia
- Modern Issues Analysis: Life on the Fault Line

Unit 9: Australia, Oceania & Antarctica

- Geography of Australia, Oceania & Antarctica

- Human Environment Interaction of Australia, Oceania & Antarctica
- Culture of Australia, Oceania & Antarctica
- Government & Economy of Australia, Oceania & Antarctica
- Modern Issues Analysis: Preserving the Great Barrier Reef

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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