

# Social Studies: Introduction to Social Sciences

UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
3	<p><b><u>Approaches to Psychology</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theorists who pioneered the science</li> <li>• Contemporary theorists</li> <li>• Methods of studying Psychology</li> <li>• Major approaches to Psychology</li> <li>• Careers available in Psychology</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> <li>• In what ways are humans motivated to behave?</li> </ul>
9	<p><b><u>Brain, Body, and Awareness</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical anatomy &amp; behavior</li> <li>• The brain &amp; nervous system</li> <li>• The endocrine system</li> <li>• Sensations and perceptions</li> <li>• Motivations and emotion</li> <li>• Levels of consciousness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> <li>• In what ways are humans motivated to behave?</li> </ul>
5	<p><b><u>Cognitive Processes</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learning from basic conditioning through the cognition process.</li> <li>• The role of the brain in processing, storing, and retrieval of information</li> <li>• Intelligence and creativity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> <li>• In what ways are humans motivated to behave?</li> </ul>
6	<p><b><u>Human Development</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stages of human development: infancy, adolescence, adulthood, and old age</li> <li>• Concepts and issues will be enumerated for each stage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> </ul>

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8	<p><b><u>Personality, Adjustment, and Conflict</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personality Theories</li> <li>• Conflicting &amp; Coping Skills</li> <li>• Psychoanalysis</li> <li>• Alcohol &amp; Drug Abuse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> <li>• In what ways are humans motivated to behave?</li> </ul>
2	<p><b><u>Sociocultural Influences and Self</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sociocultural aspects and influences impacting human behavior</li> <li>• Cultural diversity</li> <li>• Environment</li> <li>• Group influences, and attitudes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> <li>• In what ways are humans motivated to behave?</li> </ul>
3	<p><b><u>Psychological Disorders</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Psychological and mental disorders</li> <li>• Minor neurosis to psychotic behavior</li> <li>• Phobias</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are individuals affected by groups?</li> <li>• How do attitudes and actions influence individual and group behavior?</li> <li>• How do psychologists make ethical decisions about researching behavior with human and animal subjects?</li> <li>• What impact do psychological disorders have on individuals, families, communities, and society?</li> <li>• In what ways are humans motivated to behave?</li> </ul>