

# Social Studies: Grade 8

UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
7	<p><b><u>Americas</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The First Americans</li> <li>• Life in the Americas</li> <li>• Maya, Aztec, and Inca Civilizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does geography affect the way people live?</li> <li>• What makes a culture unique?</li> </ul>
7	<p><b><u>Asia</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chinese Society</li> <li>• The Mongols in China</li> <li>• The Ming Dynasty</li> <li>• Korea: History and Culture</li> <li>• Early Japan</li> <li>• Medieval Japan</li> <li>• Southeast Asia: History and Culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does geography and new ideas affect the way people live?</li> <li>• What are the characteristics of a leader?</li> <li>• Why do people form governments?</li> <li>• What makes a culture unique?</li> </ul>
7	<p><b><u>Europe in the Middle Ages</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Middle Ages</li> <li>• Feudalism and the Rise of Towns</li> <li>• Kingdoms and Crusades</li> <li>• Culture and the Church</li> <li>• The Late Middle Ages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why does conflict develop?</li> <li>• What is the role of religion in government?</li> <li>• What are the characteristics that define a culture?</li> <li>• How do governments change?</li> </ul>
7	<p><b><u>New Ideas and Discovery</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Renaissance Begins</li> <li>• New Ideas and Art</li> <li>• Henry V</li> <li>• The Reformation</li> <li>• Catholics and Protestants</li> <li>• The Age of Exploration</li> <li>• Spain's Conquests in the Americas</li> <li>• Exploration and Worldwide Trade</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why do people make economic choices?</li> <li>• How do religions develop?</li> <li>• How does technology change the way people live?</li> <li>• Why do civilizations rise and fall?</li> </ul>
7	<p><b><u>Revolutions and Enlightenment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scientific Revolution</li> <li>• The Enlightenment</li> <li>• The American Revolution</li> <li>• The French Revolution and Napoleon</li> <li>• Nationalism and Nation-states</li> <li>• The Industrial Revolution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do new ideas change the way people live?</li> <li>• Why does conflict develop?</li> <li>• How do governments change?</li> <li>• How does technology change the way people live?</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Society and Industry</li></ul>	
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