Seventh Grade Social Studies Curriculum

HISTORY

7.H.1: Use historical thinking to analyze various modern societies.
   • 7.H.1.1: Construct charts, graphs, and historical narratives to explain particular events or issues over time.
   • 7.H.1.2: Summarize the literal meaning of historical documents in order to establish context.
   • 7.H.1.3: Use primary and secondary sources to interpret various historical perspectives.

   • 7.H.2.1: Analyze the effects of social, economic, military, and political conflict among nations, regions, and groups (e.g., war, genocide, imperialism, and colonization).
   • 7.H.2.2: Evaluate the effectiveness of cooperative efforts and consensus building among nations, regions, and groups (e.g., Humanitarian efforts, United Nations, World Health Organization, Non-Governmental Organizations, European Union, and Organization of American States).
   • 7.H.2.3: Explain how increased global interaction accelerates the pace of innovation in modern societies (e.g., advancements in transportation, communication networks, and business practices).
   • 7.H.2.4: Analyze the economic, political, and social impacts of disease (e.g., smallpox, malaria, bubonic plague, AIDS, and avian flu) in modern societies.

GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY

7.G.1: Understand how geography, demographic trends, and environmental conditions shape modern societies and regions.
   • 7.G.1.1: Explain how environmental conditions and human response to those conditions influence modern societies and regions (e.g., natural barriers, scarcity of resources, and factors that influence settlement).
   • 7.G.1.2: Explain how demographic trends (e.g., population growth and decline, push/pull factors, and urbanization) lead to conflict, negotiation, and compromise in modern societies and regions.
   • 7.G.1.3: Explain how natural disasters (e.g., flooding, earthquakes, monsoons, and tsunamis), preservation efforts, and human modification of the environment (e.g., recycling, planting trees, deforestation, pollution, irrigation systems, and climate change) affect modern societies and regions.

7.G.2: Apply the tools of a geographer to understand modern societies and regions.
   • 7.G.2.1: Construct maps, charts, and graphs to explain data about geographic phenomena (e.g., migration patterns and population and resource distribution patterns).
   • 7.G.2.2: Use maps, charts, graphs, geographic data, and available technology tools (i.e., GPS and GIS software) to interpret and draw conclusions about social, economic, and environmental issues in modern societies and regions.

ECONOMICS AND FINANCIAL LITERACY

7.E.1: Understand the economic activities of modern societies and regions.
   • 7.E.1.1: Explain how competition for resources affects the economic relationship among nations (e.g., colonialism, imperialism, globalization, and interdependence).
• 7.E.1.2: Explain the implications of economic decisions in national and international affairs (e.g., OPEC, NAFTA, G20, WTO, EU, and economic alliances).
• 7.E.1.3: Summarize the main characteristics of various economic systems (e.g., capitalism, socialism, communism; market, mixed, command, and traditional economies).
• 7.E.1.4: Explain how personal financial decision-making impacts quality of life (e.g., credit, savings, investing, borrowing, and giving).

CIVICS AND GOVERNMENT

• 7.C&G.1.1: Summarize the ideas that have shaped political thought in various societies and regions (e.g., Enlightenment and Scientific Revolution, democracy, communism, and socialism).
• 7.C&G.1.2: Evaluate how the Western concept of democracy has influenced the political ideas of modern societies.
• 7.C&G.1.3: Compare the requirements for (e.g., age, gender, legal, and economic status) and responsibilities of citizenship under various governments in modern societies (e.g., voting, taxes, and military service).
• 7.C&G.1.4: Compare the sources of power and governmental authority in various societies (e.g., monarchs, dictators, elected officials, anti-governmental groups, and religious and political factions).

CULTURE

7.C.1: Understand how cultural values influence relationships between individuals, groups, and political entities in modern societies and regions.
• 7.C.1.1: Explain how culture unites and divides modern societies and regions (e.g., enslavement of various peoples, caste system, religious conflict, and Social Darwinism).
• 7.C.1.2: Explain how cultural expressions (e.g., art, literature, architecture, and music) influence modern society.