

Grade 8 Social Studies

Long Range Plans & Course Outline

History & Geography in the Western Hemisphere

Topic A - Sept. - Nov. 30 (Approx.)

Geography of Canada & the United States Knowledge

Objectives - Students will understand:

1. The Regions of North America will be identified.
2. Absolute & relative location of people & places.
3. All places have physical and human characteristics which make them different.
4. Our environment is being changed.
5. Regional disparities may lead to the movement of people, ideas and goods.
6. People interact with their environment to meet their needs.

Skill Objectives

1. Students will learn how to locate, interpret and organize information in various forms.
2. Students will learn how to analyze, synthesize and evaluate information in, various ways.
3. Information will be transmitted to others in a variety of ways (Communication Skills).
4. Participation in group activities will be a skill that is developed.

-These skills will be learned and enhanced through all three units.

Topic B - Dec. 1 - March 1 (Approx.)

Canada: History to the Twentieth Century

Knowledge Objectives - Students will learn about & understand concepts related to the following areas of Canada's history.

1. Canada's Native Peoples.
2. Early explorers
3. Rebellions of 1837
4. The Durham Report
5. Act of Union 184
6. Confederation

7. Riel Rebellions
8. Creation of Canada's Provinces
9. Canada's Government today.

Students will also be presented with various mapping activities. In this way they will develop skills in geography and be made aware of the location of events and places in Canada.

Topic C - March 4 - May 31

South America: A Case Study of Brazil

Knowledge Objectives:

1. Physical geography affects human settlement.
 - a. exploration
 - b. settlement
 - c. expansion
2. The geography provides opportunities and limitations to human activities.
3. Changing the physical environment can have beneficial and harmful effects.
 - a. transportation
 - b. communication
 - c. population patterns
 - d. resource development
 - e. lifestyle
 - f. cultural groups

Topic D - Review - June 1-30 & Current Events

-Discussion of news events in Canada and the world will be done on an ongoing basis.

Evaluation - Each Term

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| -Assignments & Tests | 70% |
| -Major exams | 30% |
| -Final Mark - 23 1/3% each term | |
| -Final Exam - 30% | |