

COURSE OUTLINE

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Social Studies

Grade 9 -

Economic Growth: Differing Perspectives

Focus: The focus is on industrialization and the way that the United States and the Soviet Union have organized themselves economically. Issues related to technological change are emphasized in the study of Canada.

Topic A: Economic Growth: U.S.A.

We study the growth of industrialization in the U.S.A. and try to understand how economic growth within a market economy affects the quality of life.

Topic B: Economic Growth: A Case Study of the Former U.S.S.R.

We study the growth of industrialization in the former U.S.S.R. and try to understand how economic growth within a centrally planned economy affects the quality of life. We also examine the breakup of the Soviet Union and the establishment of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Topic C: Canada: Responding to Change

We study technological change and its effect on quality of life.

Evaluation:

Students will be evaluated on the following:

- individual/group projects
- oral presentations
- chapter reviews
- quizzes
- research reports
- paragraph writing
- reading graphs, maps, charts
- debate
- classroom participation in oral discussion

For each term, 70% of the mark will be based on daily classroom assignments and tests. The remaining 30% will be derived from major tests and unit exams. No assignment will be worth more than 30%.

Evaluation:

Term 1	23%
Term 2	23%
Term 3	24%
Final Exam	30%