

Course Title: Grade 7 Social Studies

Board Approval Date: June, 2010

Course Description:

This course focuses on mastery of the PA Academic Standards for Geography as well as touching on some of the standards for History, Government and Economics. As students progress through this course they will participate in a systematic study of basic geography skills such as, reading and interpreting maps, as well as, taking a more in depth look at the physical geography, government, economics and cultural diversity of the Western Hemisphere. The intent of the course is to educate students on geographic and global perspectives in order to make them more informed and culturally tolerant citizens.

Learning Activities / Methods of Assessment:

Large group instruction
Bellringers
Small group work
Oral and written closures
Tests and Quizzes
Projects with Rubrics
Checklists / Teacher Observation

Instructional Resources:

The World and Its People (Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, 2005; textbook online resources and activities at twip.glencoe.com)
Appropriate Internet sources and technology applications
Selections from LASD Approved Materials list

Course Pacing Guide

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Course Unit (Topic)	Length of Instruction
School-wide and Classroom Procedures and Expectations	2 Days
1. Looking at the Earth	30 Days
2. Water, Climate and Vegetation	30 Days
3. The World's People	45 Days
4. The USA	30 Days
5. Canada	15 Days
6. Latin America	30 Days
7. Preview Unit: From Colonies to the Republic: Foundations of a New Nation	5 Days