



School District of Marshfield

Course Syllabus

Course Name: Global Studies 7

Length of Course: Year

Credits: 1

Grade Level: 7th Grade

Course Description: Regular Global Studies 7

This course covers the areas of Europe, North America and South America. The class targets the understanding of historical, cultural and geographical characteristics of these areas, with a primary emphasis on the countries of the United Kingdom, Germany, Russia, Venezuela, Cuba, Mexico and the United States. Students will also spend part of the year specifically learning about World War I and World II to analyze the internal effects and international effects these wars had during their time period and the effect they have on current day events. Students will be required to do a variety of assignments, but an emphasis will be placed on writing: introduction to writing a well-constructed response, reading comprehension and summarizing primary/secondary sources. Students will be required to complete a project each quarter that summarizes their overall learning of the quarter targets.

Course Description: Advanced Global Studies 7

This course is covers the same content as Regular Global Studies, but with more depth and increased skill level. This course focuses on critical thinking skills, concept development and analysis to increase the student's understanding, application and writing skills with the content stated above. Students will be required to do a variety of assignments, but an emphasis will be placed on stimulus-based questions, writing, and analysis. Students will also be expected to do research projects during the course of the year which introduce the use of primary and secondary sources, writing and oral components.

Skill Targets: Compare and Contrast

- Describe how a document presents information (sequentially, comparatively, casually)
- Analyze how a document and/or passage uses structure to emphasize key points or advance an explanation
- Identify aspects of a passage that reveal and author's point of view or purpose

- Compare the point of view of two or more authors for how they treat the same or similar topics, include which details they include and emphasize.
- Evaluate author's differing points of view on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors' claims, reasoning and evidence.

First Quarter (9 Weeks)

Ancient Civilizations: Greeks and Romans

1. What is Civilization? (1 week)
 - A. Explain and understand what civilization is
 - B. Explain the transition from pre-civilization to civilization
2. Greek Empire: (3.5 weeks)
 - C. Summarize the beginning, middle, and end of the ancient Greek civilization
 - D. Describe great accomplishments of the ancient Greeks
 - E. Analyze how Greek civilization affects modern day cultures, society, government and religion
2. Roman Empire: (3.5 weeks)
 - A. Summarize the beginning, middle and end of the ancient Roman civilization
 - B. Describe great accomplishments of the ancient Romans
 - C. Analyze how Roman civilization affects modern day cultures, society, government and religion

Second Quarter (9 Weeks):

Europe with emphasis on the UK, Germany and Russia

1. Europe: General and emphasized countries: (1.5 weeks)
 - A. Identify and describe the main geographical areas in Europe
 - B. Identify and describe the main religions and characteristics of the religions in Europe
 - C. Identify and describe common traditions in Europe
 - D. Describe main governments and economies in Europe
2. United Kingdom: (2 weeks)
 - A. Describe main physical features of the United Kingdom
 - B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in the United Kingdom
 - C. Describe and analyze key events in the United Kingdom's history: including the Middle Ages, Industrial Revolution, the British Empire, and the UK after WWII
 - D. Describe the current political and economic system in the United Kingdom
 - E. Analyze cultural aspects of the UK, including religions, lifestyle, etc and compare to other countries including the United States.
3. Germany: (2 weeks)
 - A. Describe main physical features of Germany

- B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in Germany
 - C. Describe and analyze key events in Germany's history: including formation of Germany, German empire, Fascist Germany, Germany after WWII
 - D. Describe the current political and economic systems in Germany
 - E. Analyze cultural aspects of Germany, including religions, lifestyles, etc and compare to other countries including the United States.
4. Russia: (2.5 weeks)
- A. Describe main physical features of Russia
 - B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in Russia
 - C. Describe and analyze key events in Germany's history: including early Russia, czar era, Bolshevik Revolution, Stalin's government, fall of the Soviet Union
 - D. Describe the current political and economic systems in Russia
 - E. Analyze cultural aspects of Russia, including religions, lifestyles, etc and compare to other countries including the United States.

Third Quarter (9 Weeks):

Conflicts that have influenced modern day in Europe and the United States

- 1. World War I and Interwar Period: (3.5 weeks)
 - A. Explain how nationalism, imperialism, militarism, and the alliance system led to WWI.
 - B. Describe and analyze key points in World War I
 - C. Identify key countries and leaders in World War I
 - D. Describe technological and strategically advancements in World War I
 - E. Evaluate the outcome of World War I and how it connects to the causes of World War II
- 2. World War II: (4.5 weeks)
 - A. Describe and analyze the causes of World War II
 - B. Explain the differences in World War I and World War II in terms of technology and strategy and the effects of these.
 - C. Identify main countries and leaders during WWII
 - D. Describe key events in WWII which occurred on each front
 - E. Describe what the Holocaust was and its significance in history
 - F. Analyze the United States international position after World War II and how it connects to the Cold War

Fourth Quarter (9 Weeks)

North and South America with emphasis on: Venezuela, Mexico, Cuba and the United States

- 1. North and South America: General and emphasized countries: (1.5 weeks)
 - A. Identify and describe the main geographical areas in North and South America

- B. Identify and describe the main religions and characteristics of the religions in North and South America
 - C. Identify and describe common traditions in North and South America
 - D. Describe main governments and economies in North and South America
2. Venezuela: (1.5 weeks)
- A. Describe main physical features of Venezuela
 - B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in Venezuela
 - C. Describe and analyze key events in Venezuela's history: including native civilizations, colonial era, newly independent
 - D. Describe and evaluate the current political and economic systems in Venezuela
 - E. Analyze cultural aspects of Venezuela, including religions, lifestyles, etc and compare to other countries including the United States.
3. Mexico: (2 weeks)
- A. Describe main physical features of Mexico
 - B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in Mexico
 - C. Describe and analyze key events in Mexico's history: including native civilizations, colonial era, Mexican Revolution
 - D. Describe the current political and economic systems in Mexico
 - E. Describe and analyze the effects of the drug trade internally and internationally
 - F. Analyze cultural aspects of Mexico, including religions, lifestyles, etc. and compare to other countries including the United States.
4. Cuba: (1.5 weeks)
- A. Describe main physical features of Cuba
 - B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in Cuba
 - C. Describe and analyze key events in Cuba's history: including formation, Cold War, Castro's leadership
 - D. Describe the current political and economic systems in Cuba
 - E. Evaluate the historical and current relationship between Cuba and the United States.
 - E. Analyze cultural aspects of Cuba, including religions, lifestyles, etc. and compare to other countries including the United States
5. The United States: (2 weeks)
- A. Describe main physical features of the United States
 - B. Explain how physical features affected the growth of societies and industries in the United States
 - C. Describe and analyze key events US history: including Colonization, Revolutionary War, Civil War, Industrialization, Civil Liberties, and foreign relations after WWII
 - D. Describe the current political and economic systems in the United States
 - E. Analyze cultural aspects of the United States, including religions, lifestyles, etc. and compare to other countries including the United States.