

History: Social Studies Skills

Studying History

Analyze geographic data provided on maps.

Explain how archaeology and anthropology contribute to the study of the past.

Explain the methods used by historians to investigate the past.

Problem Solving in Social Studies

Apply a problem-solving process to a problem.

Learn about the steps involved in a problem-solving process.

Common Issues Across Places and Times

Explore how societies choose different approaches to solving common issues.

Identify common issues that affect societies across different locations and times.

Connecting the Past to Present Issues

Create policies for dealing with a present issue based on an understanding of what has happened in the past.

Explore decisions and events that have contributed to current issues.

Identify contemporary problems and issues.

Multiple Perspectives

Compare and contrast stated positions on an issue.

Define perspective.

Investigate situations in which there were multiple perspectives about the same event.

Political Cartoons

Analyze the main ideas of specific political cartoons.

Differentiate political cartoons from other types of cartoons.

Discuss the purpose of political cartoons and how they are used.

History: World History

Exploring Culture: World Religions

Compare and contrast the beliefs of Buddhism and Hinduism.

Compare and contrast the beliefs of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.

Identify the five major world religions.

Greece's Golden Age

Describe the events surrounding the Peloponnesian War.

Evaluate the philosophical, scientific, historical, and artistic contributions of the ancient Greeks.

Explain Pericles's changes to the Athenian system of government and compare it to the democracy in the United States.

The Republic of Rome

Analyze how the three branches of the Roman republic were models for future governments.

Evaluate why Rome transitioned from a republic to an empire.

Explain the early history of the city of Rome.



History of Europe: Medieval and Renaissance Eras

Discuss the cultural and societal changes that took place in Medieval Europe.

Examine the role of the Catholic Church in changing the culture of the Middle Ages.

Investigate the cultural changes that took place during the European Renaissance.

Impact of the Crusades

Analyze the events of the Crusades.

Examine the impact of the Crusades on different cultures.

Explain the events that led to the pursuit of the Holy Land.

Three Worlds Meet

Describe the impact of the Triangular Trade on the African people.

Determine the impact of the Columbian Exchange on Old World and New World societies.

Explain how the Commercial Revolution impacted Europe.

Explain the roles of explorers and conquistadors.

The Enlightenment

Describe Locke's theories about the rights of citizens.

Explain Hobbes's beliefs about the responsibilities of government.

Identify Montesquieu's ideas about the best way to structure government.

The Industrial Age

Analyze why the Industrial Revolution began in England.

Examine how the Industrial Revolution led to improvements in transportation.

Explain the impact of the agricultural and industrial revolutions on society.

The New Imperialism

Analyze the social reasons for imperialism and its spread.

Describe the characteristics and causes of imperialism.

Evaluate the similarities and differences between new and old imperialism.

A New Kind of War

Describe the effects of new technology on warfare.

Explain how trench warfare created a stalemate.

Explain the characteristics of total warfare.

Global Economic Crisis

Analyze the global effects of the Great Depression.

Explain how countries around the world responded to the Great Depression.

Identify the economic changes that occurred in the United States and Europe after World War I.



The Holocaust

Describe Hitler's plan to commit genocide.

Describe the discrimination faced by Jews in Nazi Germany.

Identify the anti-Semitism that led to the Holocaust.

Victory for the Allies

Analyze how the Allies achieved victory in the Pacific.

Describe allied strategies for winning the war in Europe.

Cold War at Its Height

Explain why there was a race for arms and space between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Identify the effects of the Cold War on Korea.

Identify the effects of the Cold War on Vietnam.

Conflict in the Middle East

Describe the causes and effects surrounding the Gulf War.

Describe the US response to 9/11.

Explain the events surrounding the formation of Al-Qaeda and its attack on the United States.

History: U.S. History

Key Content Review: The Thirteen Colonies

Compare and contrast the political, economic, and social characteristics of the New England, middle, and southern colonies.

Describe the founding of the New England, middle, and southern colonies.

Explain the foundations of democratic rule in the American colonies.

Key Content Review: A New Nation

Describe the acquisition of new territories that occurred in the early 1800s.

Describe the foreign and domestic challenges facing the nation's first presidents.

Explain why the first political parties formed.

Identify the causes of the War of 1812, and explain its effects.

Key Content Review: Jacksonian Democracy

Analyze the causes and effects of the Second Great Awakening.

Describe the major challenges and accomplishments of the Jackson presidency.

Explain how transportation innovations and infrastructure improvements affected the US economy.

Key Content Review: Manifest Destiny

Analyze how westward expansion forced American Indians off their land.

Describe how trappers, traders, and explorers opened up the American frontier to settlement.

Examine how westward expansion and Manifest Destiny created a new American spirit and identity.

Explain how the US acquired various western territories.



Key Content Review: Sectionalism

Analyze the roots of the abolitionist movement and how it grew.

Describe how the debate over new territories and tariffs increased sectionalism between North and South.

Examine how the North and South developed two different economies.

Key Content Review: Rising Tensions

Describe the secession of the South in response to the rise of Abraham Lincoln as a Republican leader.

Explain Americans' responses to the Fugitive Slave Act, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the Dred Scott decision.

Identify the new territories gained by the United States after the Mexican-American War.

Effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction

Analyze the successes and failures of Reconstruction.

Describe the major events, significant battles, and important figures of the Civil War.

Identify the reasons for the growing division between the North and the South in the 1800s.

Key Content Review: Industrialization and the West

Analyze how the Industrial Revolution contributed to westward expansion, including its effects on American Indians.

Describe the effects of the Industrial Revolution, including urbanization, the growth of labor unions, and immigration.

Identify the new technologies and business models that made the Industrial Revolution possible.

The Progressive Movement

Analyze the importance of Theodore Roosevelt to the Progressive movement and to conservation efforts.

Explain at least one decision by the Supreme Court that assisted or limited Progressive reform.

List and describe at least five goals shared by Progressives.

Roosevelt's Hundred Days

Analyze the changing role of government caused by Roosevelt's New Deal reforms.

Describe the legislation and programs instituted by President Roosevelt during his first Hundred Days in office.

Examine the candidacy of Franklin Roosevelt and describe the contents of his campaign platform.

The Great Migration

Analyze the contributions of African American authors to the Harlem Renaissance.

Explain the importance of the Harlem Renaissance to American music.

Identify the causes of the Great Migration and its effects on Northern cities.

Civil Rights and Voting Rights

Analyze the effects of the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

Describe the importance of the Selma voting rights marches.

Examine the impact of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Examine the role of the March on Washington in promoting and securing civil rights for African Americans.



Civics/Government

What Is Civics?

Define civics.

Describe the nature of civics.

Summarize reasons why civics is important.

Introduction to Government

Describe the purposes and functions of government.

Explain the roles and responsibilities of citizenship.

Identify different structures of government.

Types of Governments

Describe the features of oligarchies and autocracies.

Explore the advantages and disadvantages of different types of democracy.

Identify the differences between federal, confederal, and unitary systems of government.

The Origins of Democracy

Explain the effect of Judeo-Christian laws and ideals on principles of government.

Explore the influence of the structure of the Athenian democracy and the Roman republic.

The Declaration of Independence

Analyze the actions taken by the Declaration of Independence.

Examine early colonial events that led to the need for a declaration.

Identify the key principles contained in the Declaration of Independence.

The Need for a Constitution

Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and its role in leading to the drafting of the US Constitution.

Explain the powers granted by the Articles of the Confederation to the states and to the federal government.

Identify the reasons for the creation of the Articles of Confederation.

Drafting the Constitution

Analyze the effects of the Three-Fifths Compromise in ending the ratification debates over slavery.

Describe the key differences between states that led to debate during the Constitutional Convention.

Explain how the Great Compromise negotiated a plan for representation in Congress.

Principles and the Preamble

Analyze the purposes and functions of the government as stated in the Preamble.

Explain what the Constitution specifies about the role and structure of government.

Federalism in the Constitution

Define the role and purpose of federalism.

Differentiate between types of state and federal powers.



Article I: Congress

Analyze the role of the Necessary and Proper Clause in establishing implied powers for Congress.

Describe the structure of Congress as organized by Article I of the Constitution.

Identify the expressed powers of Congress.

Article II: The Presidency

Analyze the powers and duties of the President.

Describe the structure of the executive branch as outlined by Article II of the Constitution.

Article III: The Courts

Analyze the powers given to the judicial branch.

Identify the structure of the judicial branch created by Article III of the Constitution.

Article IV-VII: The Role of the Constitution

Describe the process of amending the Constitution.

Describe the process of ratification.

Examine the meaning of the Supremacy Clause.

Identify the powers and requirements given to the states by Article IV.

The Supreme Court and the Role of Government

Analyze how Gibbons v. Ogden expanded the idea of federal supremacy.

Describe how McCulloch v. Maryland affected the powers of the federal government.

Explain how Marbury v. Madison established the principle of judicial review.

The Bill of Rights

Describe the purpose of each of the ten amendments in the Bill of Rights.

Explain how the Bill of Rights establishes civil liberties.

The House of Representatives

Describe the structure of the House of Representatives.

Explain the function of the House of Representatives and what its members do.

List the powers granted to the House of Representatives and the limits to those powers.

The Senate

Describe the structure of the Senate.

Explain the function of the Senate and what its members do.

List the powers granted to the Senate and the limits to those powers.

The Presidency and Its Powers

Describe the president's duties and roles.

Discuss the president's powers and how they have been challenged or changed over time.

Identify the structure and purpose of the office of president.



A Citizen's Responsibilities

Define citizen and the different types of citizenship status.

Describe the requirements and responsibilities of citizens.

List the qualities of a model citizen.

Political Parties

Analyze how political parties govern.

Describe the rise and transformation of political parties.

Explain how political parties are organized.

Creating Public Policy

Define public policy.

Describe influences on the creation of public policy.

Identify the ways public policy is made.

Regulatory Policy

Distinguish between regulatory policy actions that establish financial and safety regulations.

Explain why governments establish regulatory policy.

Identify government agencies that create regulatory policy.

Global Economic Policy

Describe economic foreign policy and why it is necessary.

Examine the use of trade agreements, tariffs, sanctions, and aid in implementing policy.

Economics

Resources and Scarcity

Analyze the role of scarcity in determining how resources are allocated.

Explain the difference between exhaustible and renewable resources.

The Three Questions of Economics

Analyze the role of the factors of production in answering the three economic questions.

Define the three questions of economics.

Opportunity Cost

Analyze production possibility schedules and production possibility curves.

Define opportunity cost and its role within the market.

Economic Systems

Compare types of governments and the economic markets that thrive within them.

Describe major types of economic markets.

Explain the role that economic markets play in citizens' daily lives.



Unit Lesson Dejectives

Competition and Free Enterprise

Analyze the regulations that are placed on free enterprise.

Define the concept of free enterprise.

Explain how free enterprise and competition work together.

Technology and Economics

Analyze how technology has changed economic problem solving and planning.

Describe how changing technology has influenced production and consumption.

The Law of Demand

Discover the law of demand.

Explain what factors influence changes in demand.

Explore changes in demand.

The Law of Supply

Analyze ways to measure changes in supply.

Define the law of supply.

Describe the factors that influence supply.

Introduction to Macroeconomics

Analyze the circular flow model.

Describe the concepts that shape macroeconomics.

Explain how macroeconomics studies demand and supply in the aggregate.

Inflation and Stagflation

Analyze historical examples of inflation and stagflation.

Compare and contrast inflation and stagflation.

Describe the effects of inflation on the economy.

Explain the causes and effects of inflation and stagflation.

International Trade

Describe the concept of international trade.

Explain the differences and connections between absolute and comparative advantage.

Identify reasons that countries specialize in the production of specific goods.

Geography

Geographic Concepts

Examine the Five Themes of Geography.

Identify the Six Essential Elements of Geography.

Working with Maps and Data in Geography

Differentiate among the most commonly used map projections.

Identify different types of maps, including climate, physical, and political, and identify their purposes.

Use coordinates of latitude and longitude to determine location.



Unit Lesson Descrives

Understanding Physical Geography

Compare the various climate zones and biomes found on Earth.

Explore the physical systems that shape Earth's surface.

Identify landforms and bodies of water commonly found on Earth's surface.

Population Distribution

Identify and describe the four stages of demographic transition.

Identify sources of data used by geographers.

Interpret and compare demographic data and draw conclusions.

Understand methods geographers use to measure and represent population density.

Politics, Policies, and Population

Analyze the Swedish government's motivation for promoting population growth.

Identify economic, social, and environmental factors contributing to government population policies.

Economics of Migration

Analyze the socioeconomic consequences of migration.

Examine the impact of remittances on migrant workers' home nations.

Identify recent patterns of human migration for economic purposes.

Understand the impact of migrant workers on the economies of their country of employment.

Exploring Culture: Concepts of Culture

Differentiate between types of cultures, including popular culture, subculture, and local culture.

Examine the relationship between the environment and culture.

Identify the main components of culture.

Urban Planning and Design

Analyze the relationship between the built environment and the natural environment.

Compare and contrast planned cities to those that developed organically.

Explore various theories of urban construction and development.

Global Cities

Analyze the future of rising and declining global cities.

Analyze the qualities of global cities and their effect on the world community.

Examine globalization and the creation of modern global cities.