



Curriculum Overview

Subject: Social Studies

Grade: 6

By the end of the year, you can expect your child to:

- Interpret maps
- Apply concepts of economics and trade to the past and current events
- Identify basic economic systems
- Understand and practice citizenship locally and globally
- Understand how geography influences where people settle
- Explain how Paleolithic humans adapted to their environments to survive
- Describe how advances during the Paleolithic Age made it possible for humans to survive the Ice Ages
- Explain how Africa's geography influenced trade in the region
- Describe how the African economy flourished through trade
- Understand how Islam arrived in Africa
- Understand how African art and music were vehicles of story-telling
- Describe the reasons and consequences of the African slave trade
- Understand the geography and location of the Fertile Crescent
- Describe the Sumerian ideas and inventions that have been passed on to other civilizations
- Understand how civilizations developed in Mesopotamia
- Describe the contributions the Assyrians made to Southwest Asia
- Explain why the Nile River was important to the ancient Egyptians
- Understand the factors that led to the rise and fall of the ancient Egyptian empire
- Identify how Nubia and Kush were influenced by Egyptian culture
- Explain how geography affected the early Greeks
- Identify the factors that contributed to the development of the Minoan civilization
- Describe how Greek culture spread to other parts of the world
- Identify the different types of government that developed among the Greek city-states
- Explain differences between Athenian democracy and American democracy

- Identify characteristics of life in Athens
- Describe the ideas that the ancient Greeks expressed in their literature, drama, art, and architecture
- Understand Ancient Greek beliefs about history and science
- Understand how Hellenistic kingdoms spread Greek culture
- Understand how the Greeks influenced Roman religion, science, art, architecture, and literature
- Analyze how the Greeks influenced the Romans
- Identify and evaluate Rome contributions to our society today
- Understand the reasons for the decline of the Roman Empire
- Analyze how the economy influenced the fall of the Roman Empire
- Discuss the effect of Germanic invaders on the decline of Rome
- Identify and evaluate Rome's legacy
- Analyze a map of the Byzantine Empire's trade routes and identify the cultural influences that shaped the Byzantines
- Understand the effect that geography had on the rise of Rome and how Rome gained control of the Mediterranean region
- Analyze how the policies of the Roman conquerors led to an increase in power
- What caused the decline of the Roman Republic
- Determine the impact of Julius Caesar
- Identify the events and people that led to the establishment of the Roman Empire
- Understand what caused the Roman Empire to prosper