

Southern Cayuga Central School District-Curriculum Map

Subject- Social Studies 6 (Geography & First Humans)

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School Year- 2023-2024

Title/Topics/Content Standards	Essential Questions and Vocabulary	Content Skills	Major Assessments	Time Frame
Unit 1: Geography/Current Events 6.1 PRESENT-DAY EASTERN HEMISPHERE GEOGRAPHY: The diverse geography of the Eastern Hemisphere has influenced human culture and settlement patterns in distinct ways. Human communities in the Eastern Hemisphere have adapted to or modified the physical environment. (Standard 3)	Essential Questions: Does geography determine development? Vocabulary: Political/Physical map County Primary source Secondary source Geography Hemisphere Cardinal Directions Latitude Longitude Map Scale Compass rose 5 themes of geography	Reading Physical and Political Maps Map Skills Identify and recall 50 states Identify and recall 7 continents/4 oceans Note Taking Reading for understanding of current events using TIME for Kids magazine Primary and secondary source analysis Paragraph writing using a graphic organizer Navigating credible sources for research Group collaboration	End of Unit Assessment: Formal Quiz/Test Vocabulary Quiz Current Events Quiz using TIME for Kids magazine Test on 50 States Test on Continents/Oceans Geography Culminating Project Research Project: Connect the 5 themes of geography using research from a country of choice	MP 1 & 2
Unit 2: First Humans, Neolithic Revolution, and the Early River Valley Civilizations/Current Events 6.2 THE FIRST HUMANS THROUGH THE NEOLITHIC REVOLUTION IN THE EASTERN HEMISPHERE: The first humans modified their physical environment as well as adapted to their environment. (Standards 2, 3)	Essential Questions: To what degree does geography determine culture? Vocabulary: Culture Anthropology Diverse Neolithic Age Archeologist	Measure and represent history using timelines, BCE and CE, eras, millennia, centuries, and decades Study Later Stone Age or Upper Paleolithic including the Upper Paleolithic Revolution	End of Unit Assessment: Vocabulary Quiz Current Events Quiz using TIME for Kids magazine	MP 3 & 4

	Paleolithic Age Bronze Age			
Unit 3: Comparative World Religions 6.4 COMPARATIVE WORLD RELIGIONS (c. 2000 BCE – c. 630 CE): Major religions and belief systems developed in the Eastern Hemisphere. There were important similarities and differences between these belief systems. (Standard 2)	Essential Questions: What role do belief systems play in a society? Vocabulary: Animism Buddhism Christianity Confucianism Coptic Hinduism Islam Judaism Polytheism Protestantism Sikhism Taoism	Belief system vs. religion Characteristics of Religious Systems Shared values Locations of origin Time period of origin Founders	End of Unit Assessment: Vocabulary Quiz Current Events Quiz using TIME for Kids magazine	MP 5 & 6
Midterm Exam (January) and Final Exam (May-June)	Mid Year Assessment: Including vocabulary from September-June Year End Assessment: Including most vocabulary words		-Stimulus-Based Multiple Choice Question Sets -Short Response Questions	Full Class Period Tests