SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM – GRADE 6

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	CONTENT & CONCEPTS	SKILL	RESOURCES & TEXT ALIGNMENT	ASSESSMENT
Why is it important to	Geography-Mapping	Explain the difference between a political and physical map	Political Cartoons:	Constructive Responses
study geography?		 Identify and label the continents on a world map 	http://www.topsfieldschools.org/TECHN	The state of the s
How can I use a variety of		• Explain and use the parts of a map including title, key, compass rose,	OLOGY	Document Based
maps to gain information?		scale, lines of latitude and longitude	/JC_Computer_Curriculum/History%20-	Questions:
		• Explain the importance in using a historical map to show changes in	%20SS/JC%20american_revolution.htm	http://www.edteck.com
How do maps		regions/boundaries over time		/dbq/testing/dbq.htm
communicate information?	History/Geography and			
How do the 5 themes of	Governments of Eastern	• Identify and label important times in history in chronological order	Social Studies Simulations	Research reports
geography relate to the	Hemisphere Nations	including use of B.C. and A.D.	_	
development of ancient		• Illustrate on a map the movement of people throughout the world to	Documents:	Parallel Assessments
civilization?	Fordy More	populate the world (Africa to tip to South America)	http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil	A ala ali4i al
How does accommby offert	Early Man	• Summarize how early people interacted with each other to meet basic	/pages/listdocumentpa.html	Analyze political
How does geography affect the development of the		needs		cartoons
civilization?		 Explain how interactions of people led to development of separate 	Social Studies Trade Books:	Thematic Essay
Civilization:		cultures	http://downloads.ncss.org/	Thematic Essay
How do we learn from		• Explain how early people shifted from hunters to gatherers to farmers	notable/notable2007.pdf	Cultural Collage
civilizations that thrived so		as permanent settlements were developed	notto le, notto le 2007, par	Caltarar Collage
long ago?		• Explain the domestication of animals and their use in farming		Write a position paper on
	Early River Civilizations		http://www.free.ed.gov/	nomadic vs. settling as a
Was religion important in		Compare and contrast early river civilizations in Egypt,		way of life.
the development of		Mesopotamia, China and the Indus River Valley		
cultures?	Mesopotamia	• Describe how the natural resources of the Tigris, Euphrates, Nile,	http://www.free.ed.gov/subjects.cfm?subj	Explain how the works
		Yellow and Indus River valley shaped the early development of	<u>ect_id=178</u>	of social scientists help
How has our life improved	Ancient Egypt	civilizations		us interpret historical
because of contributions of	Indus River Valley	• Explain how geographic features and climate in the Eastern	http://www.historians.org/teaching/links.c	events.
ancient civilizations?	mads River valley	Hemisphere influenced land use	<u>fm</u>	
	Ancient China	List technological innovations of early river civilizations		Write a paper describing
How did the development	7 Melent China	Explain how technology had both positive and negative effects on		the development of the 3
of trade impact cultures?		peoples, places and regions		major religions and their
How did this civilization		Recognize that slavery existed across eras and regions Output Dealthing and Indiana.		influence on the
How did this civilization develop?		Compare Confucianism, Hinduism, Buddhism and Judaism Transition the appropriate of Found and Massactonic		development of civilization.
develop:		Examine the government of Egypt and Mesopotamia Analysis the Goden of Harmanachia		CIVIIIZAUOII.
What contribution did this		Analyze the Code of Hammurabi		
culture make to world	Ancient Greece	. Identify Crosses on a man and its assessment is features		Choose a contribution of
history?		Identify Greece on a map and its geographic features - Final in how the good graphy and alignets of the Account Position should be a feature of the		a civilization in
		• Explain how the geography and climate of the Aegean Basin shaped		government, law, math,

What are the religious		the economic, social, and political development of Greek civilization	etc. and give examples of
beliefs of the people of		Describe the positive and negative effects of trade	how we see the effect of
China?		Compare and contrast Greek city-states	that contribution today.
		Describe the political structure established to maintain order	
How does the population		Compare and contrast our present system of government with ancient	
of a country affect other		Greece	Compare the belief
societies?		Describe the cultural and geographic expansion of Greece	systems of two or more
		Describe the factors that contributed to the decline of ancient Greece	civilizations.
How did the development		Recognize the contribution of the Greeks in democracy, philosophy,	
of trade impact cultures?		architecture, art, math, science	
Why are Creese and Dome	Ancient Rome		
Why are Greece and Rome the foundation of modern		Locate Rome on a map	
civilizations?		Explain how land formation affected the way people settled	
Civilizations:		Describe the advantages/disadvantages of the site of Rome	Explain how values are
What do Christians		Examine the cultural ideas and geographic expansion of Rome in the	embodied in
believe?		Mediterranean world	constitutions.
Seneve.		Describe the government in Rome during the Roman Republic	constitutions.
What is a republic?		Summarize the expansion of Rome from 500 BC through AD 146	
The is a repaire.		conquest	
How are dynasties created		Discuss and analyze the causes of the fall of Rome including external	
and do they still exist?		threats, mercenary armies, economic difficulties, and weak/corrupt	
		leaders	
How does poverty affect		Describe the contribution and importance of the following Roman	
the growth of a		developments: government (Republic), law (Twelve Tables),	
civilization?		engineering and architecture	
	Spread of Islam		!
How does a religious	Spread of Islam	Explain how Islam spread and Muslim Empire developed	
group impact a society?		Explain how religion has both united and divided the nations of the	
****		eastern hemisphere	
What is Islam and how did		Identify the religious leader of Islam as Mohammad	
this civilization develop?		Explain the Muslim beliefs and roles of men and women	
		List the major contributions attributed to the Muslim culture	
	Middle Ages		
Why is a belief system		Identify the time period know as the Middle Ages	
important?		Examine the government and economic systems of the Middle Ages	
How do people decide		Explain how the government, religion and art of the Middle Ages	
what to believe?		affected life then and now	
		Analyze the power and the role of the Catholic Church	
		Explain the origin and system of feudalism	

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		Describe the key events and effects of the Crusades	
Why did a religious			
movement have both	Renaissance	Define Renaissance	
political and economic		Explain how trade routes opened and helped the exchange of	
effects?		technology/culture between Europe and Asia	
		• Examine the major achievements in literature, philosophy, music,	
What is feudalism?		painting, sculpture and architecture in Europe during the Renaissance	
		painting, seaspeare and aremicecture in Europe during the remaissance	
What contributions did the	Reformation &	Define reformation	
Middle Ages/Renaissance	Age of Exploration	 Describe the ideas of Martin Luther and how advances in technology 	
make to world history?		helped to spread those ideas	
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Why were the Crusades a		Explore how technology advanced exploration Explore how technology advanced exploration Output Description Description Output Description Description	
turning point in history?		Examine the explorations of DeGama, Magellan and Columbus	
How did the societal	Age of Powerful Kings	Define and explain Absolute Monarchy, Divine Right and	
structure develop?		Enlightenment	
1		Examine the three estates in France	
		Cite reasons behind the Declaration of the Rights of Man	
What were the long and		Describe how the Magna Carta is a result of the rise of nation states	
short terms effects of the	Industrial Revolution		
Age of Exploration?		Define the Industrial Revolution	
		• Explain the causes of class conflicts and analyze the changes in the	
What was the global		European class system during the Industrial Revolution	
impact of the		Describe the positive and negative impacts of technology including	
industrialization?		invention of steam engine and spinning jenny	
		Describe the rise of the factory system	
What inventions		Explain how economic decisions are made regarding what is	
transformed industry?		produced, how, and for whom	
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How do we define and use			
various terms and ideas in			
Social Studies (Identity, needs			
and wants, culture, scarcity,			
interdependence, nation state,			
empathy, values)?			

The Grade 6 program focuses on a social science perspective emphasizing interaction of geography and economics. The core disciplines of geography and economics are used to develop and draw relationships and understandings about social/cultural, political, and historic aspects of life in the Eastern Hemisphere. Historical insights are used as a means of developing a total perspective rather than an organizing framework.

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