

# Prairie Middle School

## Department Summary: Social Studies 6 - 7 - 8

Course Information	AUG/SEPT	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY/JUNE
	Content -- Skills -- Assessments					Content -- Skills -- Assessments			
6TH GRADE	Hemispheres, longitude, latitude, continents, oceans, map reading, vocab. terms	Map reading, landforms, climate, reading graphs and charts	Vegetation, Populations, making bar graphs, charts, and tables.	Culture, economic and political system	MIDDLE EAST issues, Asia geography culture and customs	JAPAN, geography, history, tradition, culture, language video series passport to Japan and note taking	CHINA geography, history, tradition, culture, language video Great Wall of China and Three Gorge Dam	AFRICA geography, history, tradition, culture, language colonization desert and rainforest	Africa regional studies and Ancient Egyptian studies and video pyramid
7TH GRADE	Standards' pretests on places and vocabulary. Reviewing the Five Themes of Geography. Reviewing how to use the textbook. Standard 1: Predominates	Cultural time capsule. Presenting 8 cultural traits of your culture. Ask, "In 100 years, what do I want someone to remember about me and my life?" Standard 3: Predominates.	USA Physical and Human Geography. Test and Brochure. Standards 1-4.	USA continues.	Canada and Mexico: Our neighbors. Canada chapter test and Mexico packet and Fiesta (food). Standards 1-4: Physical and Human Geography	Central America: How to improve a country of Central America. Written piece with visuals.	South America: Magazine reporter on the effects of the Panama Canal on the people involved. Written in different perspectives. Planning a trip to South America.	Europe and Asia: Human and Physical geography. Standards 1-4. Cultural Fair: Choosing a country of Europe of Asia, present its physical and human geography.	Continues.
8TH GRADE	5 themes of Geography and the Tools of Geography as they relate to American History; Map Skills necessary for History; Start Native American Unit, The First Americans and	Basic Skills Review, One + week; Continue Native Americans (2nd and 3rd weeks); Begin Explorations Unit with Explorers Reach the Americas and then European Empires in the	Continue Explorations Unit with Explorers Reach the Americas and then European Empires in the Americas. Start Colonial Settlement.	Colonization, Establishing the 13 English Colonies (from Jamestown - Georgia); Life in the 13 Colonies.	Road to Revolution, French & Indian War, British Control of the Colonies through taxes, Boston Tea Party etc.; 2nd Semester, Revolutionary War.	Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence, Colonies at War through the Treaty of Paris; Forming a Nation, Articles of Confederation vs. Constitution.	Constitution, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch; Washington D. C., Before 125 +/- 8th graders go to D.C..	Expansion and Growth, Manifest Destiny, Foreign Policy, Louisiana Purchase, War of 1812; Sectionalism, each developing in their own needs; Pre-Civil War, understanding	Civil War, Understanding the Meaning of "Civil War" and the ramifications of it; 20th Century Updates.

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## Geography - Grade: 6th

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Standards & Content	Standard 1-3-4-5 Content: Pretest Earth and Geography Five Themes of Geography	Standard 1-3-5 Content: Landforms and Climate	Standard 1-3-5 Content: Vegetation and Populations	Standard 1-2-4-5 Content: Culture, Political and Economic Systems	Standard 1-2-3-4-5 Content: Middle East and Asia	Standard 1-2-3-4-5 Content: Japan	Standard 1-2-3-4-5 Content: China	Standard 1-2-3-4-5 Content: Africa	Standard 1-2-3-4-5 Content: Africa Regions and Ancient Egypt
Concepts & Skills	Hemispheres, longitude, latitude, continents, oceans, map reading, vocab. terms	Map reading, landforms, climate, reading graphs and charts	Vegetation, Populations, making bar graphs, charts, and tables.	Culture, economic and political system	MIDDLE EAST issues, Asia geography culture and customs	JAPAN, geography, history, tradition, culture, language video series passport to Japan and note taking	CHINA geography, history, tradition, culture, language video Great Wall of China and Three Gorge Dam	AFRICA geography, history, tradition, culture, language colonization desert and rainforest	Africa regional studies and Ancient Egyptian studies and video pyramid
Major Assessments & Projects	Pretest and Location Test Five Themes Passport Research Project	Landforms Project Map Chapter 2 Test	Climate Population graph and chart (computer) Chapter 3 test	Culture Project Compare American Culture with other Cultures	Asian Holiday Calendar Mid- Year Test?	Venn Diagram assessment of America vs. Japan	Three Gorges Dam Project Position paper	African Region Presentation Game, Food, and etc.	Ancient Egypt Project End of Year Post Test and 100 Location Test

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## Geography - Grade: 7th

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Standards & Content	Review all four standards: Tools, History, Environment, and Economy. Standard 1: Tools of Geography Text chapters 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9.	Standard 3: People and their History Chapter 7: Culture and Regions.	Standards 1-4: Unit 3. The USA. Chapters 10-15. Similarities of Regions. Unique attributes of each states.	Comparing and contrasting regions.	Standards 1-4: Canada Chapter 16 and Mexico Chapter 18	Standards 1-4: Central America: Chapters 17 and 19.	Standards 1-4: South America: Chapters 20-22.	Standards 1-4: Europe: Chapters 22-27.	Europe and Asia Complete Europe and review Asia.
Concepts & Skills	Pretests; places of the world (140), vocabulary (70). Review maps, graphs, tables, charts, etc. Review the Five Themes of Geography. Understanding how to use the textbook.	Understanding Cultural Traits of one's culture. Compare and contrasts cultures. 8 traits of culture: language, religion, government, economics, food, clothing, architecture, and family life.	Physical and Human Geography: Land and water, resources, climate, historical sites, economics, government and other parts of culture.	Comparing and contrasting regions.	Physical and Human Geography.	Physical and Human Geography	Physical and Human Geography	Physical and Human Geography	Physical and Human Geography of a country of choice.
Major Assessments & Projects	Applying the Five Themes of Geography to self. Skills handbook scavenger hunt.	Time Capsule: Descriptions and examples of your culture. What should be valued in your culture?	State Brochure: Using the Internet and state books, research assignment. Travel Agent: Promoting your state.	Present the facts of your region using the Learning Style of your choice.	Canada Chapter Test. Mexico Packet. Mexico Fiesta (food)	How to improve a country: Written piece with visuals as necessary.	Reporter for a magazine: (Differing perspectives) Panama Canal and the effects it has on the various groups of people who are involved with it. Planning a trip to a country in South America.	Cultural Fair: Choosing a country of choice, present both the physical and human geography of that country.	Cultural Fair continued.

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## History - Grade: 8th

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Standards & Content	1-Historical Perspective: Early America, 4-Basic Concepts	1-Historical Perspective: Early America, 4-Basic Concepts	1-Historical Perspective: Early America, 4-Basic Concepts	1-Historical Perspective: Early America, 4-Basic Concepts	1-Historical Perspective: Early America, 2-Historical Perspective: An Independent Nation, 4-Basic Concepts	2-Historical Perspective: An Independent Nation, 3-Government Structure/ Citizenship, 4-Basic Concepts	2-Historical Perspective: An Independent Nation, 3-Government Structure/ Citizenship, 4-Basic Concepts	2-Historical Perspective: An Independent Nation, 3-Government Structure/ Citizenship, 4-Basic Concepts	2-Historical Perspective: An Independent Nation, 3-Government Structure/ Citizenship, 4-Basic Concepts
Concepts	5 themes of Geography and the Tools of Geography as they relate to American History; Map Skills necessary for History; Start Native American Unit, The First Americans and Native American Culture Groups.	Basic Skills Review, One + week; Continue Native Americans (2nd and 3rd weeks); Begin Explorations Unit with Explorers Reach the Americas and then European Empires in the Americas.	Continue Explorations Unit with Explorers Reach the Americas and then European Empires in the Americas. Start Colonial Settlement.	Colonization, Establishing the 13 English Colonies (from Jamestown - Georgia); Life in the 13 Colonies.	Road to Revolution, French & Indian War, British Control of the Colonies through taxes, Boston Tea Party etc.; 2nd Semester, Revolutionary War.	Revolutionary War, Declaration of Independence, Colonies at War through the Treaty of Paris; Forming a Nation, Articles of Confederation vs. Constitution.	Constitution, Legislative Branch, Executive Branch, Judicial Branch; Washington D. C., Before 125 +/- 8th graders go to D.C..	Expansion and Growth, Manifest Destiny, Foreign Policy, Louisiana Purchase, War of 1812; Sectionalism, each developing in their own needs; Pre-Civil War, understanding that Sectionalism produces the	Civil War, Understanding the Meaning of "Civil War" and the ramifications of it; 20th Century Updates.
& Skills	Reading a Land Profile; Understanding latitude and longitude; Reading a time line; Reading a time zone map.	BASIC SKILLS REVIEW: Reading Graphs; (Bar, Line, Pie); Reading Tables; Interpreting Political Cartoons; Interpreting maps (Special Purpose ); Primary source Reading.	Cause and Effect; Main Ideas; Paragraph writing.	Making Generalizations; Writing a Topic Sentence.	Paraphrasing; Writing an Essay; Summarizing.	Distinguishing Fact from Opinion; Preparing an outline.	Comparing Points of View; Editorial Writing.	Analyzing a Primary Source Document; Drawing Conclusions.	Throughout the year- time line; graphs; special purpose maps; primary source readings; political cartoons.
Major Assessments & Projects	Native American Project Chapter Tests	Explores Project Chapter Tests	Continue Explores' Project Colony Building Project Chapter Tests	Colony Building Project Cont. Chapter Tests	Chapter Tests	Student Declaration of Independence Chapter Tests	Constitution Project Chapter Tests	Early 1800's PowerPoint Presentation Washington DC Assessment Chapter Tests	Chapter Tests