

SOCIAL STUDIES

Grade 9 Social Studies Teachers:

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Grade nine social studies involves the understanding of Canada's history, government, and multicultural composition to review and determine the impact on the lives of Canadian citizens today. Students will draw connections between past events and current involvement in global affairs or daily life to view the relationship different groups have with the country and the world around us. This course involves critical thinking, exploring democratic values and communicating viewpoints using research.

Topics Explored Throughout the Year

- Diversity and Pluralism in Canada
- Democracy and Governance in Canada
- Canada in the Global Context
- Canada: Opportunities and Challenges

*Timeline for topics taught may change slightly throughout the year

Assessment Breakdown:

Students will be assessed on their understanding of the essential learning outcomes under the following categories:

- Active Democratic Citizenship
- Managing Ideas and Information
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Communication

Teachers will evaluate student understanding using a combination of:

product (assignments, tests, quizzes etc.)

observation (group work, class discussion & participation etc.)

communication (conferencing with students, presentations, discussion etc.)

Each term, essential learning outcomes and skills will be worth:

Knowledge and understanding – 50%

Research and Communication - 20 %

Critical Thinking and Citizenship – 30%

*The final assessment will be worth 20% of the final grade