

SOCIAL STUDIES

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Grade seven social studies explores the effects of our location, rights, freedoms, government, economy, culture, history and power have on our way of life. Students learn to pose grade level questions about events in the world and build connections to life in Canada. This course involves the development and use of critical thinking and research skills designed to promote democratic ideals and promote advocacy for social issues and human rights in Canada and around the globe.

Topics Explored Throughout the Year

- World Geography
- Global Quality of Life
- Ways of life in Asia, Africa or the Americas
- Human Impact on Europe or the Americas

*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