

Social Studies

Philosophy:

We believe the social studies program will develop responsible citizens who promote cultural awareness in our global society. Students will learn to link the past to current events which will prepare them to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Curriculum is based on the Minnesota State Standards for Social Studies.

Textbook Publishers:

Houghton Mifflin *My World* (grade K)

School and Family (grade 1)

Neighborhoods (grade 2)

Communities (grade 3)

States and Regions (grade 4)

United States History "Early Years" (grade 5)

Ancient World (grade 6)

Foundations of Geography (grade 6)

American History of Our Nation "Civil War to the Present" (grades 7 & 8)

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Grade: K-3

Standards	Benchmarks
I. U.S. HISTORY	
A. Family Life Today and in the Past	
The student will understand how families live today and in earlier times, recognizing that some aspects change over time, while others stay the same.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will compare family life in his or her community from earlier times and today. 2. Students will compare family life in at least three distant places and times. 3. Students will compare technologies from earlier times and today, and identify the impact of invention on historical change.
B. Famous People and Events in U.S. History	
The student will recognize people and events that made significant contributions to U.S. history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know individuals and groups associated with key turning points in U.S. history.
C. Many People and Cultures meet in the making of North America	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of the people who settles in North America.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will understand that large and diverse American Indian nations were the original inhabitants of North America. 2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of European exploration and settlement of the North American continent and the resulting interaction with American Indian nations.
II. WORLD HISTORY	
A. Family Life Today and in the Past	
The student will understand how families live today and in earlier times, recognizing that some aspects change over times, while others stay the same.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will compare family life in their own communities from earlier times and today. 2. Students will compare family life in at least three distant places and times. 3. Students will compare technologies from earlier times and today, and identify the impact of invention on historical change.
B. Civilizations in World History	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of the historical development of past cultures around the world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the historical development of at least three civilizations in Africa, the Americas, Asia or Europe.
C. Famous People in World History	
The students will recognize individuals or groups that have shaped the world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will become familiar with people who have made cultural (scientific, artistic, literary and industrial) contributions to world history, and analyze the significance of their contributions.
III. HISTORICAL SKILLS	
A. Concepts of Time	
The student will demonstrate chronological thinking.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will define and use terms for concepts of historical time.

	2. Students will place events in chronological order and construct timelines.
B. Historical Resources	
The student will understand that we can learn about the past from different sorts of evidence.	1. The students will compare different kinds of historical sources and describe the different sorts of information the sources provide.
IV. GEOGRAPHY	
A. Concepts of Location	
The student will use directional and positional words to locate and describe people, places and things.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the location of people, places and things by using positional words. 2. Students will use maps and globes to locate places referenced in stories and real life situations. 3. Students will explain that an address locates a specific place. 4. Students will name and use directional words to describe locations of places in the school and community. Students will locate places by using simple maps, and understand that maps are drawings of locations and places as viewed from above. 5. Students will use the equator and poles as reference points to describe locations. 6. Students will compare distances between two or more places shown on a map with simple terms, such as farther and closer.
The student will demonstrate working knowledge of the cardinal directions.	1. Students will use cardinal and intermediate directions to locate places.
B. Maps and Globes	
The student will use and create maps and globes to locate people, places and things.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will locate places by using simple maps, and understand that maps are drawings of locations and places as viewed from above. 2. Students will recognize and locate the outline shape of the state of Minnesota on a map/glob. 3. Students will create and interpret simple maps using the map elements of title, direction, symbols, and a map key or legend. 4. Students will locate the continents and oceans on a map of the world and a globe. 5. Students will recognize the outline shape of the contiguous United States. 6. Students will recognize the outline shapes of countries and locate cultures and civilizations studied in history.
The student will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific geographical knowledge.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will locate on a map the major world countries, states and major cities of the United States. 2. Students will use an atlas to locate geographic information.
C. Physical Features and Processes	
The student will distinguish between physical and human-made features of places on the earth's surface.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will name and locate physical features of the United States, including places about which they have read. 2. Students will name and locate major human-made features of the United States, including features about

	which they have read.
The student will identify specific landforms and waterways on a map using geographical terms.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will locate major river systems and mountain ranges on continents studied. 2. Students will explain and use introductory geographical terms.
V. ECONOMICS	
A. Economic Choices	
The student will understand that economic choices are necessary in life.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify the differences between basic needs (food, clothing, and shelter) and wants (things people would like to have). 2. Students will explain that money can be used to buy goods and services. 3. Students will understand and explain that the concept of scarcity means that one cannot have all the goods and services that one wants. 4. Students will give examples of tradeoffs (opportunity costs). 5. Students will understand and explain that as producers they can earn money (income) that can be spent or saved as they choose.
B. Producers and Consumers	
The student will understand the relationship between producers and consumers in regard to goods and services.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will distinguish between producers and consumers and between goods and services. 2. Students will recognize and explain that natural resources, human resources, and human-made resources are used in the production of goods and services.
V. GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP	
A. Civic Values, Skills, Rights and Responsibilities	
The student will describe civic values, rights and responsibilities in a republic.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of civic values that facilitate thoughtful and effective participation in civic life. 2. Students will explain the rights and responsibilities of people living in democracy, including the principle of majority rule and minority rights.
The student will understand the importance of participation in civic life and demonstrate effective civic skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the importance of participation and cooperation in a classroom and community and explain how people can make a difference in others' lives. 2. Students will describe how they can influence school rules by studying and discussing issues and presenting their concerns to the people in authority. 3. Students will explain the importance of voting and how one vote can make a difference. 4. Students will explain that people have diverse viewpoints and that speaking and listening to others is important.
B. Beliefs and Principles of United States Democracy	
The student will understand the role of government, rules and laws and why we have them.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will give examples of rules in the classroom/school and community, provide reasons for the specific rules, and know the characteristics of good rules. 2. Students will explain that rules and laws apply to everyone and describe consequences for breaking the

	<p>rules or laws.</p> <p>3. Students will know that the United States and the State of Minnesota each have a constitution that outlines the rules for government.</p>
The student will know key symbols, songs and location that represent our nation and state.	<p>1. Students will recognize the symbols, songs, locations that uniquely identify our nation.</p> <p>2. Students will recognize symbols that are significant for the state of Minnesota.</p> <p>3. Students will describe key national holidays and explain why people celebrate them.</p>
C. Roots of the Republic	
The student will understand the importance of key founding documents of the United States.	1. Students will identify the influence of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
The student will become familiar with statesmen and their leadership and guidance of the republic.	1. Students will identify the beliefs and actions of statesmen including presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
D. Governmental Institutions and Processes of the United States	
The student will know basic functions of government.	<p>1. Students will describe examples of specific services provided by government.</p> <p>2. Students will name people involved in government, including current and past government leaders, employees, and volunteers.</p>

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Grades 4-5

Standards	Benchmarks
1. U.S. History	
A. Pre-history through 1607	
The student will understand that large and diverse American Indian nations were the original inhabitants of North America.	1. Students will compare ways of life of Indian nations from different regions of North America.
B. Pre-history through 1607	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of European exploration of the North American continent and the resulting interaction with American Indian nations.	1. Students will identify key European explorers and how their voyages led to the establishment of colonies. 2. Students will know and explain that interactions between American Indian tribes and European explorers had positive and negative impacts.
C. Colonization and Conflict, 1607-1780's	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of the colonies and the factors that shaped colonial North America.	1. Students will explain and understand the political, religious, social and economic events and conditions that led to the colonization of America. 2. Students will compare and contrast life within the colonies and their geographical areas, including New England, Mid-Atlantic and Southern colonies, and analyze their impact. 3. Students will identify the differences and tensions between English colonies and American Indian tribes. 4. Students will understand the significance of enslaved Africans and their descendents in the economic and social life of the colonies.
D. Political Unrest and the American Revolution 1763-mid 1791	
The student will demonstrate an understanding of the causes and course of the American Revolution.	1. Students will understand issues and events that led to the American Revolution, and analyze how these events affected the move toward independence from Britain. 2. Students will understand the principles of the Declaration of Independence, including inalienable rights and self-evident truths. 3. Students will analyze the roles of key individuals and political leaders in the American Revolution. 4. Students will know and understand key factors and events contributing to the defeat of the British.
The student will demonstrate knowledge of how the principles of the American Revolution became the foundation of a new nation.	1. Students will know and understand basic principles of the new government established by the Constitution of the United States. 2. Students will know reasons why the United States developed the Constitution, including the debates and compromises that led to the final document.
E. Growth and Westward Expansion, 1801-1861	

<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of western expansion, conflict and reform in America.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will examine the processes that led to the territorial expansion of the United States, including wars and treaties with foreign nations and Indian nations, the Mexican-American War, annexation, Louisiana Purchase and other land purchases, and the removal of American Indians to reservations. 2. Students will analyze the impact of inventions and technologies on life in America, including the cotton gin, the steamboat and the telegraph.
<p>F. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850's-1870's</p>	
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes of the Civil War.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and analyze the main ideas of the debate over slavery, abolitionism, states' rights, and explain how they resulted in major political compromises. 2. Students will identify on a map the states that seceded from the Union and those that remained in the Union.
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of major events and people of the Civil War.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and understand the roles of significant figures and battles of the Civil War Era and analyze their significance, including Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Harriet Tubman and Battle of Gettysburg. 2. Students will analyze the aftermath of the war and its effects on citizens from the North and South, including freeing blacks, women and former slaveholders.
<p>G. Reshaping the Nation and the Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1916</p>	
<p>The student will analyze the transformation of the American economy and the changing social and political conditions in response to the Industrial Revolution.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and understand the reasons for the increase in immigration, growth of cities, new inventions and political challenges to American government arising from the industrial revolution, and analyze their impact. 2. Students will identify and explain racial segregation and racism, including the rise of "Jim Crow," the Ku Klux Klan, discrimination against immigrants, and the relocation of American Indian tribes to reservations, and analyze the impact of these actions. 3. Students will analyze how the rise of big business, the growth of industry, and the change in life on American farms and small towns with increased mechanization changed life in America. 4. Students will analyze the impact of the Progressive Movement on child labor and working conditions, the rise of organized labor, women's suffrage and the temperance movement, and identify the contributions of individuals in these movements.
<p>H. World Wars and the Emergence of Modern America, 1900-1930's</p>	
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of the political, geographical, cultural, social and economic forces shaping the modern United States.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and understand the reasons for the Spanish-American War and its resulting impact. 2. Students will know and understand the United States' actions in the Pacific, and resulting international reactions. 3. Students will identify and understand the struggles and

	contributions of African American leaders of this period, including W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington, and compare their ideas.
The student will understand World War I, its causes and effects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and understand the reasons for the United States' neutrality and delayed entry and involvement in World War I. 2. Students will explain Wilson's 14 Points and United States' isolationism.
I. A World at War, 1930's-1945	
The student will understand and analyze the economic, social and political transition of the United States before, during and after World War II.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will examine causes and analyze the effects of the Great Depression and the impact of the New Deal. 2. Students will analyze the major causes and effects of American neutrality and eventual involvement in World War II, including the America First movement, lend-lease, and the impact of Pearl Harbor. 3. Students will recognize major events, battles and significant leaders in World War II and analyze their impact, including Franklin Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Winston Churchill, Adolph Hitler, the Battle for Midway, the invasion of Normandy, and the decision to drop the Atomic Bomb on Japan. 4. Students will evaluate the impact of World War II on the home front and on American culture, including Japanese internment, Tuskegee Airmen and "Rosie the Riveter."
J. Post World War II Era, 1945-1980	
The student will analyze the economic, social and political transformation of the United States and the world between the end of World War II and the present.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will understand and explain the rebuilding of Europe and Japan after World War II, including the Marshall Plan and the American occupation of Japan. 2. Students will understand and analyze the emergence of the United States as a superpower and its pivotal role in the establishment of the United Nations. 3. Students will analyze the role of American foreign policy and military action during the Cold War era, including the Truman Doctrine, Korean and Vietnam Wars and the Cuban Missile Crisis. 4. Students will explain the changing patterns of society, expanded educational and economic opportunities for military veterans, women and minorities. 5. Students will identify major Supreme court decisions during this era and analyze their impact, including Brown vs. Board of Education.
K. Contemporary America, 1980-present	
The student will recognize the opportunities and challenges facing the United States and explore its role in the world since 1989.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and evaluate American contributions to the fall of the Soviet bloc, from the Truman Doctrine through the presidency of Ronald Reagan. 2. Students will analyze challenges of the post-communist world, especially September 11, 2001 and its aftermath.
II. MINNESOTA HISTORY	
A. Pre-Contact to 1650	

<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of Minnesota's indigenous peoples.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the evidence of the indigenous cultures in Minnesota, and make reasoned inferences from that evidence. 2. Students will explain the major historical aspects of Dakota and Ojibwe culture, social organization and history, and compare and contrast them.
<p>B. Contact and Fur Trade 1600-1810</p>	
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of early explorers and fur traders in Minnesota and the impact of the fur trade on both European and Native societies.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe how early explorers and fur traders affected the development of Minnesota. 2. Students will describe the economic and cultural impact of the interaction between the Dakota and Ojibwe and the explorers and fur traders.
<p>C. Early Settlement and Statehood 1810-1860</p>	
<p>The student will know and understand the factors that led to rapid settlement of Minnesota in the 19th century and the changes the new Minnesotans brought with them.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain why early settlers came to Minnesota and analyze their impact on political, cultural and physical landscapes. 2. Students will describe the process of Minnesota's becoming a territory and then a state. 3. Students will understand why and how the Minnesota Indian Nations negotiated treaties with the United States, and the impact of these treaties for the Ojibwe, the Dakota and the settlers.
<p>D. Civil War and Dakota War 1860-1864</p>	
<p>The student will know and understand Minnesota's role in the Civil War and the impact of the Dakota War of 1862.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the attitudes of Minnesotans toward slavery in the period before the Civil War and analyze the factors shaping these attitudes. 2. Students will describe Minnesota's role in the Civil War, both on the home front and on the battlefield, including the role of the First Minnesota Regiment. 3. Students will compare the different perspectives of settlers and Dakota people on the causes and the effects of the Dakota War of 1862.
<p>E. Industrial Era 1865-1914</p>	
<p>The student will know and understand Minnesota's major industries and the economic, social, political and technological changes that accompanied industrialization.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and explain the roles of people, politics, natural resources, transportation, and technology in the development of Minnesota's early industries (lumbering, mining and agriculture). 2. Students will describe the impact of industrialization on work, home, leisure life, politics, immigration, urbanization and changes in the physical landscape. 3. Students will describe the various goals, strategies and accomplishments of social reform movements in Minnesota and analyze their impact.
<p>F. World Wars I and II, and the Interwar period, 1914-1945</p>	
<p>The student will know and understand the impact on Minnesota of World War I and World War II, as well as, the economic changes of the 1920's and the 1930's.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will understand the issues that Minnesotans faced during world War I and how they responded to them. 2. Students will demonstrate the knowledge the social, political and economic changes of the 1920's and 1930's and analyze the impact of the Great Depression and the

	<p>New Deal.</p> <p>3. Students will describe Minnesota’s contributions to World War II and analyze the impact of the war on Minnesota.</p>
G. Post-world War II to Present	
<p>The student will know and understand Minnesota’s role in the major social, economic and political changes, both national and international, in the last half of the 20th century through the present, and analyze the impact of those changes.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain how Minnesota has both affected and been affected by the events, people and changes in the nation and the world. 2. Students will identify and describe significant demographic changes to Minnesota and issues related to those changes and analyze the significance of their impact. 3. Students will develop and share an understanding of what it means to be a Minnesotan, and what is the contemporary significance of Minnesota for the nation and the world. 4. Students will identify and describe significant land use changes in Minnesota, issues related to land use and analyze the impact of those changes and issues.
III. WORLD HISTORY	
A. Beginnings of Human Society	
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of selected attributes and historical developments of various ancient societies in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the migration of people from Africa to other world regions. 2. Students will describe the development of agriculture and its effect on human communities. 3. Students will illustrate or retell the main ideas from stories that disclose the origins, history and traditions of various cultures around the world. 4. Students will describe significant historical achievements of various cultures of the world.
B. Classical Civilizations and World Religions 1000 B.C.-600 A.D.	
<p>The student will describe classical civilizations in Africa, Asia and Mesoamerica.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the emergence of states in Sub-Saharan Africa and explain how iron working diffused in Africa. 2. Students will describe how the Chinese Empire was united. 3. Students will analyze the relationship between agriculture and the development of complex societies in Mesoamerica. 4. Students will describe and compare major religious systems and practices.
C. Classical Civilizations and World Religions 1000 B.C.-600 A.D.	
<p>The student will describe classical civilizations in Europe and the West.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of ancient Greek civilization, including art, politics and philosophy. 2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of ancient Rome, including art, politics and philosophy.
D. World Civilizations, Expansions of Cultural, Commercial and Political Contacts, 600 -1500 A.D.	
<p>The student will understand the causes and consequences of emerging civilizations and increased contact across the</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will analyze the spread of Islamic civilization to western Europe, India and Africa.

cultural regions of Eurasia and Africa.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Students will describe the expansion of the Chinese Empire and its effect on political and cultural life. 3. Students will describe the formation of states in sub-Saharan Africa and the Americas.
E. Western Civilizations, Renaissance and Reformation 1000-1700 A.D.	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of important historical, cultural and social events in Europe during the Middle Ages.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the Renaissance in Europe. 2. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the age of exploration. 3. Students will demonstrate knowledge of the Reformation including important figures of the era. 4. Students will demonstrate knowledge of scientific, political, economic and social changes starting in the 17th Century, including the Enlightenment.
F. World Civilizations, Toward a Global Culture, 1500-1770 A.D.	
The student will examine changing forms of cross-cultural contact, conflict and cooperation that resulted from the interconnections between Eurasia, Africa and the Americas.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the characteristics of the trading system that linked peoples of Africa, Asia and Europe around 1450. 2. Students will describe early European explorations, settlements and empires. 3. Students will analyze the strengths and limitations of the Chinese Empire under the Ming Dynasty. 4. Students will understand patterns of change in Africa in the era of the slave trade and the slave plantation system in the Americas. 5. Students will identify the causes and consequences of global migrations of Europeans, Africans and Asians.
G. Western Civilizations, Age of Revolution and Reaction, 1640-1920 A.D.	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of the rise of colonialism and its effects worldwide.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will examine the effects of imperialism on the colonial societies of the 18th, 19th and 20th Centuries.
IV. HISTORICAL SKILLS	
A. Concepts of Time	
The student will develop a chronological sequence of persons, events and concepts in each historical are studied in these grades.	
B. Historical Resources	
The student will begin to use historical resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify, describe, and extract information from various types of historical sources, both primary and secondary. 2. Students will assess the credibility and determine appropriate use of different sorts of sources. 3. Students will investigate the ways historians learn about the past if there are no written records.
C. Historical Inquiry	
The student will apply research skills by investigating a topic in U.S. history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will define a research topic that can be studied using a variety of historical sources. 2. Students will identify, locate and use repositories of research materials including libraries, the Internet,

	<p>historical societies, historic sites, and archives, as appropriate for their project.</p> <p>3. Students will develop strategies to find, collect and organize historical research.</p>
The student will analyze historical evidence and draw conclusions.	<p>1. Students will understand that primary sources document first-hand accounts of historical events and secondary sources may be influenced by the author's interpretation of historical events.</p> <p>2. Students will compare perspectives in primary and secondary sources and determine how the different perspectives shaped the authors' view of historical events.</p> <p>3. Students will understand the concepts of historical context and multiple causation.</p> <p>4. Students will create a timeline that illustrates the relationship of their topic to other historic events.</p>
The student will present and explain the findings of the research project.	<p>1. Students will analyze how historians present their work in multiple formats.</p> <p>2. Students will select a presentation medium for their project and learn the skills necessary to communicate their ideas.</p> <p>3. Students will articulate a clear thesis statement that explains the historical relevance of their research topic.</p> <p>4. Students will learn how to cite sources and to document their research in the form of a bibliography.</p> <p>5. Students will learn what constitutes plagiarism and how to paraphrase appropriately other people's work in a new interpretive format.</p>
V. GEOPGRAPHY	
A. Concepts of Location	
The student will identify and locate major physical and cultural features that played an important role in the history of the United States.	<p>1. Students will locate the name all 50 states, territories, mountain ranges, major river valleys, state capitals and cities, as studied.</p> <p>2. Students will locate the areas that were the major source regions for immigrants to the United States from 1800 to 1877.</p>
The student will identify and locate major physical and cultural features that played an important role in the history of Minnesota.	<p>1. Students will identify and locate major Minnesota ecosystems, topographic features, continental divides, river valleys and cities.</p>
The student will identify and locate major countries, events and cultural features that played an important role in the history of the United States.	<p>1. Students will locate on a map or globe the major empires of the late 19th Century and their largest overseas territories.</p> <p>2. Students will locate the source countries for immigration to the United States during the years 1877-1916.</p> <p>3. Students will describe how the landownership patterns laid out by the French, English, Spanish and the United States Public Land Survey created different landscapes in different parts of the country.</p>
B. Maps and Globes	
The student will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific and increasingly complex geographic knowledge.	<p>1. Students will use political and thematic maps to locate major physical and cultural regions of the world and</p>

	<p>ancient civilizations studied.</p> <p>2. Students will locate and map areas of major world religions and how they have changed geographically, including Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism, Christianity, Islam, and indigenous religious traditions.</p> <p>3. Students will distinguish differences among, uses of and limitations of different kinds of thematic maps used to describe the development of the United States.</p> <p>4. Students will distinguish differences among uses of, and limitations of, different kinds of thematic maps to describe the development of Minnesota.</p>
The student will make and use maps to acquire, process and report on the spatial organization of people and places on earth.	<p>1. Students will create a variety of maps to scale.</p> <p>2. Students will compare and contrast the differences among a variety of maps and explain the appropriate use of projections, symbols, coloring and shading, and select maps appropriate for answering questions they have.</p>
C. Physical Features and Processes	
The student will use basic terminology describing basic physical and cultural features of continents studied.	<p>1. Students will locate and describe major physical features and analyze how they influenced cultures/civilizations studied.</p> <p>2. Students will describe and locate major physical features in their local community and analyze their impact on the community.</p>
The student will identify and locate geographic features associated with the development of the United States.	<p>1. Students will identify physical features and analyze their impact as either hindering or promoting settlement, establishment of cities and states and economic development in the United States.</p>
The student will identify and locate geographic features associated with the development of Minnesota.	<p>1. Students will identify and compare and contrast the landforms, natural vegetation, climate, and systems of rivers and lakes of Minnesota with those of other parts of the United States.</p> <p>2. Students will identify physical features that shaped settlement and life-ways of the Dakota and the Ojibwe and analyze their impact.</p> <p>3. Students will identify physical features that either hindered or promoted the development of the fur trade and the rapid settlement in the early 19th Century.</p> <p>4. Students will identify physical features that either hindered or promoted the industrialization of the state.</p>
The student will identify physical characteristics of places and use this knowledge to define regions, their relationships among regions, and their patterns of change.	<p>1. Students will describe the major physical features of the United States and the regions of the world they study.</p> <p>2. Students will describe physical systems in the atmosphere and Earth's crust, and the regional patterns of climate and landforms associated with them.</p> <p>3. Students will describe patterns of vegetation and landforms in the United States and around the world.</p>
The student will give examples of physical systems and describe their role in shaping life on earth.	<p>1. Students will describe how the major regions of the world they study are interconnected through physical processes such as wind and/or ocean currents.</p> <p>2. Students will describe natural hazards, the physical processes behind them, the areas where they occur, and</p>

	the costs and benefits of methods people use to mitigate their damage.
D. Interconnections	
The student will give examples that demonstrate how people are connected to each other and the environment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify factors that drew people to their local communities. 2. Students will analyze how the physical environment influences human activities.
The student will identify examples of the changing relationships between patterns of settlement, land use and topographic features in the United States.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will analyze how changes in technology and political attitudes promoted development in various regions of the United States. 2. Students will analyze how changes in transportation affected settlement of the country.
The student will identify examples of the changing relationships between the patterns of settlement and land use in Minnesota.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will give examples of how changes in technology made some locations in Minnesota more suitable for urbanization than others. 2. Students will analyze how changes in transportation affected settlement of the state. 3. Students will explain the importance of site features in the establishment of Minnesota's largest cities. 4. Students will explain the changing situation of Minnesota's largest cities and suburbs and analyze associated effects. 5. Students will identify the areas of origin for people coming to Minnesota, explain the push and pull factors that brought people to the state, and analyze the impact of these changes. 6. Students will describe the settlement pattern of Minnesota's largest immigrant groups. 7. Students will use regions to analyze modern agriculture in Minnesota.
The student will identify how technology made some parts of Minnesota more valuable at particular times in history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The students will explain how Minnesota is connected to the rest of the world through international trade, and analyze the impact of this connection.
The student will describe how humans influence the environment and in turn are influenced by it.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will recognize changes over time in nearby landscapes, resulting from human occupation.
The student will demonstrate how various regional frameworks are used analyze the variation in culture and human occupation of the Earth's surface.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the patterns of population density on the surface of the earth and analyze the causes of population change. 2. Students will describe the patterns of languages on the surface of the earth and identify patterns of change. 3. Students will describe the patterns of religion on the surface of the earth and identify geographic patterns of change. 4. Students will describe the locations of government systems on the surface of the earth and identify patterns of change. 5. Students will describe the patterns of economics on the surface of the earth and explain how changes in technology affect patterns of change. 6. Students will describe patterns of major regions or culture areas on the surface of the earth and identify

	<p>patterns of change.</p> <p>7. Students will identify current or historic conflicts and explain how those conflicts are/were influenced by geography.</p>
<p>The student will demonstrate how various regional frameworks are used to analyze the variation in physical environment.</p>	<p>1. Students will analyze the way peoples' perception of regions vary and are affected by individual perspective and culture.</p> <p>2. Students will provide examples at differing scales of how regions are important to people as symbols for unifying society.</p> <p>3. Students will describe how physical processes affect different regions of the world.</p> <p>4. Students will interpret regional variation in the relationships among soil, climate, plant and animal life and landforms.</p>
E. Essential Skills	
<p>The student will use maps, globes, geographic information systems and other sources of information to analyze the natures of places at a variety of scales.</p>	<p>1. Students will demonstrate the ability to obtain geographic information from a variety of print and electronic sources.</p> <p>2. Students will make inferences and draw conclusions about the character of places based an analyses and comparison of maps, aerial photos, and other images.</p> <p>3. Students will locate major political and physical features of the United States and the world.</p>
VI. ECONOMICS	
A. Producers and Consumers	
<p>The student will understand the concept of interdependence in relation to producers and consumers.</p>	<p>1. The student will compare and contrast the roles of producers and consumers.</p> <p>2. Students will explain that in market economies, individuals earn income by working for firms to produce goods and services, and firms incur costs by hiring individuals and earn revenue by selling goods and services.</p> <p>3. Students will explain how a market economy answers the questions of what gets produced, how it is produced, and who receives it, and how it differs from other economic systems.</p> <p>4. Students will explain that a market exists when consumers buy and producers sell goods and services.</p> <p>5. Students will explain how the price of a good is determined by supply and demand (the interrelationship between production and consumption).</p>
B. Economic Choices	
<p>The student will understand basic principles of economic decision making.</p>	<p>1. Students will understand the concept of scarcity and its role in decision-making.</p> <p>2. Students will apply a decision-making process to make informed choices.</p> <p>3. Students will analyze how people respond predictably to positive and negative economic incentives.</p>
C. The Market Economy (Micro Economic)	
<p>The student will understand that in a market economy income is earned in different ways.</p>	<p>1. Students will identify multiple forms of income and their sources.</p>

The student will understand business organizations, market structures, and financial institutions that operate within our economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and compare and contrast various industries and the occupations related to them. 2. Students will compare and contrast the concepts of competition and monopoly and predict consequences of each. 3. Students will describe various financial institutions and compare and contrast their roles, and explain how those institutions relate to their lives.
D. The National Economy (Macro Economics)	
The student will understand the economic activities of government.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain that the government pays for the goods and services it provides through taxing and borrowing. 2. Students will explain how the government regulates economic activity to promote the public welfare, encourage competition, and protect against monopolistic abuses.
The student will understand the concepts that measure the national economy.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will define and give examples of basic economic terms. 2. Students will give examples of measurements that indicate the economic conditions of depression, recession and expansion.
VII. GOVERNMENT AND CITIZENSHIP	
A. Civic Values, Skills, Rights and Responsibilities	
The student will recognize the importance of individual action and character in shaping civic life.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify people who have dealt with challenges and made a positive difference in other people's lives and explain their contributions.
The student will articulate the range of rights and responsibilities in a republic.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain protections the Bill of Rights provides to individuals. 2. Students will explain some of the responsibilities of people living in a democracy. 3. Students will explain that the Minnesota Constitution also protects rights, including additional rights not specifically mentioned by the federal constitution. 4. Students will describe landmark U.S. Supreme Court decisions concerning rights and responsibilities.
The student will know how citizenship is established and exercised.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the meaning of legally-recognized citizenship in the United States, and describe the processes by which an individual may establish U.S. citizenship. 2. Students will distinguish between the rights of citizens and non-citizens and describe the use of this distinction throughout U.S. history.
The student will understand the importance of participation in civic life and demonstrate effective civic skills.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the steps necessary to become an informed voter and an engaged citizen. 2. Students will explain the meaning of civic life and how all members of a community can be engaged. 3. Students will identify and research community problems and recommend solutions. 4. Students will analyze sources of information for accuracy, bias, and relevance, and distinguish between fact and opinion in order to analyze a public policy issue.
B. Beliefs and Principles of United States Democracy	

<p>The student will know the purpose, function and limits of our republic.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain why government is needed and what would happen if there were no government. 2. Students will explain what “consent of the governed” means and how it is expressed in the preamble to the Constitution. 3. Students will define consent of the governed, liberty, equality, rights, responsibilities, justice, popular sovereignty, and general welfare, democracy, republic, and representative democracy. 4. Students will understand how governmental power is limited through federalism and a system of checks and balances.
<p>The student will know symbols, songs, traditions, and landmarks/monuments that represent the beliefs and principles of the United States.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain why key national, state, and local symbols and landmarks and monuments are significant. 2. Students will know the Pledge of Allegiance, its history, and why Americans recite it.
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge and understanding of principles and beliefs upon which our republic is based.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the fundamental principles of consent of the governed, limited government, rule of law, democracy, and representative government. 2. Students will explain the ideals of the American system of government: liberty, justice, equality, “E Pluribus Unum.”
<p>The student will explain the importance of law in the American constitutional system.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain how law limits both the government and the governed, protects individual rights and promotes the general welfare. 2. Students will explain that authority for making laws rests with the people, through their elected officials. 3. Students will distinguish and explain the relationships between making, enforcing and interpreting the law. 4. Students will evaluate rules and laws using criteria of good laws. 5. Students will distinguish between civil and criminal law, state and federal law.
<p>C. Roots of the Republic</p>	
<p>The student will demonstrate knowledge of influential and foundational documents of American constitutional government.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain how the British limited monarchical power through written documents such as the Magna Carta, which influenced American constitutional government. 2. Students will explain how the Mayflower Compact, Articles of Confederation, and other documents influenced the development of American government. 3. Students will describe the principles expressed in the Declaration of Independence, including inalienable rights and self-evident truths, and how these principles influence the development of United States constitutional government. 4. Students will describe the principles expressed in the Preamble to the Constitution and how these principles influence the United States constitutional government. 5. Students will describe how the Constitution and Bill of Rights protect individual rights and support the principle of

	majority rule, but also protect the rights of the minority.
D. Governmental Institutions and Processes of the United States	
The student will know the functions of the United States government and ways in which power is delegated and controlled.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the three branches of the U.S. Government established by the Constitution, their primary functions and their relationships. 2. Students will describe separation of powers and checks and balances and analyze historical and contemporary examples of how they are applied among the branches of government. 3. Students will describe the process by which a bill becomes a law.
The student will know the functions of Minnesota state and local governments and describe their relationship with the federal government.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the relationship between the federal government and state governments and define the concept of federalism. 2. Students will explain the major purposes of Minnesota's Constitution as stated in its Preamble. 3. Students will understand the basic structure and functions of state and local governments. 4. Students will identify the major state offices: the primary duties associated with them, and know the names of major local, state, and federal elected officials and describe how they are chosen. 5. Students will explain the relationship between American Indian People and Nations and Minnesota and the U.S. Government.
The student will describe the relationships the U.S. has with other nations in the world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will define foreign policy and identify ways in which U.S. foreign policy affects their lives. 2. Students will describe cases when the U.S. government has used diplomacy and other foreign policy tools to mediate international disputes.
The student will understand other government systems in the world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will compare governmental structure and individual rights in the United States to those in other forms of government.

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Grade 6

Standards	Benchmarks
III. WORLD HISTORY	
A. Beginnings of Human Society	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of selected attributes and historical developments of various ancient societies in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe the development of agriculture and its effect on human communities. 2. Students will describe the development of urban centers, food, clothing, industry, shelter and trade. 3. Students will describe the development of inventions such as the wheel and iron tools. 4. Students will describe the development of governmental structures, city buildings, art and architecture, writing and textile tools and their effect on human communities. 5. Students will describe the migration of people from one region to another. 6. Students will describe historical achievements of Tigris-Euphrates valley, the Nile valley, Africa, Europe, Southeast Asia and East Asia.
B. Classical Civilizations and World Religions 100 B.C.-600 A.D.	
The student will describe classical civilizations in Africa, Asia and Mesoamericans.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will describe and compare major religious systems and practices including Judaic monotheism, Greek and Roman religions, early Christianity, and the origins of Buddhism and Hinduism.
C. Classical Civilizations	
The student will describe classical civilizations in Europe and the West.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate knowledge of ancient Greek Civilization, including art, politics and philosophy.
IV. HISTORICAL SKILLS	
A. Concepts of Time	
The student will acquire skills of chronological thinking.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will develop a chronological sequence of persons, events and concepts in each historical era studied in 6th grade, by using timelines, graphic representations of historical resources.
B. Historical Resources	
The student will begin to use historical resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify, describe and extract information from various types of historical sources, both primary and secondary. 2. Students will investigate the ways historians learn about the past if there are no written records. 3. Students will investigate how historians learn about the past through letters, diaries, newspaper accounts, legislative debates, oral traditions, architecture, material artifacts, art, maps and statistics. 4. Students will understand that accounts of historical

	events may be influenced by the author’s interpretation of historical events.
C. Historical Inquiry	
The student will apply research skills by investigating a topic in history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will develop strategies to find, collect and organize historical research. 2. Students will analyze historical evidence and draw conclusions. 3. Students will understand that primary sources document first-hand accounts of historical events and secondary sources may be influenced by the author’s interpretation. 4. Students will compare perspectives in primary and secondary sources and determine how the different perspectives shaped the author’s view of historical events.
V. GEOGRAPHY	
A. Concepts of Location	
The student will identify and locate major countries, events and cultural features that played an important role in history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific and increasingly complex geographic knowledge. 2. Students will locate major ecosystems, topographic features, continental divides, river valleys and cities. 3. Students will interpret and describe how physical processes affect different regions of the world and the relationships among soil, climate, plant and animal life and landforms. 4. Students will locate and describe major physical features and analyze how they have influenced cultures/civilizations studied. 5. Students will analyze how the physical environment influences human activities, i.e. mining. 6. Students will analyze how people are influenced by land and climate.
B. Maps and Globes	
The student will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific and increasingly complex geographic knowledge.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will use political and thematic maps to locate major physical and cultural regions of the world and ancient civilizations studied. 2. Students will locate and map areas of major world religions and how they have changed geographically.
The student will make and use maps to acquire, process and report on the spatial organization of people and places.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will compare and contrast the differences among a variety of maps and explain the appropriate use of projections, symbols, coloring and shading and select maps appropriate for answering questions they have.
The student will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific and increasingly complex geographic knowledge.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will locate continents and oceans, use legends to decode symbols, use map scale to measure distances, understand elevation and relief, and locate places using longitude and latitude.
C. Physical Features and Processes	
The student will use basic terminology describing basic physical and cultural features of the continents studied.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify physical characteristics of places and use this knowledge to define regions, their relationships among regions and their patterns of change 2. Students will analyze how the physical environment influences human activities and how the environment

	influences us.
D. Interconnections	
The student will demonstrate how various regional frameworks are used to analyze the variation in culture and humans' occupation of the Earth's surface.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will explain the patterns of government systems along with population density on the surface of the earth and analyze the causes and patterns of change through studies of refugees, rural to urban, suburbanization, and migration of labor, communism, democracy, kingdoms, and dictatorships. 2. Students will describe the locations of government systems on the surface of the earth and identify patterns of change. 3. Students will describe the patterns of economics on the surface of the Earth and explain how changes in technology affect patterns of change through industrial regions, patterns of commercial and subsistence agriculture. 4. Students will identify current or historic conflicts and explain how those conflicts are/were influenced by geography. 5. Students will interpret regional variation in the relationships among soil, climate, plant and animal life, landforms including the desertification of the Sahel, soil degradation in the tropics, rain shadow deserts and rainforests.
The student will describe how human influence the environment and in turn are influenced by it.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will recognize change over time in nearby landscapes, resulting from human occupation.
E. Essential Skills	
The student will use maps, globes, geographic information systems and other sources of information to analyze the nature of places at a variety of scales.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will demonstrate the ability to obtain geographic information, make references and draw conclusions about the character of places based on analyses and comparison of maps, aerial photos and other images. 2. Students will locate major political and physical features of the world.
The student will make and use maps to acquire, process, and report on the spatial organization of people and places on earth.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will compare and contrast the differences among a variety of maps and explain the appropriate use of projections, symbols, coloring and shading, and select maps appropriate for answering questions they have.
VI. ECONOMICS	
A. Producers and Consumers	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will compare and contrast the roles of producers and consumers, explain market economy in different environments and how price of a good is determined by supply and demand. 2. Students will identify people who have dealt with challenges and made a positive difference in other people's lives and explain their contributions.

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Grade 7

Standards	Benchmarks
I. U.S. HISTORY	
F. Civil War and Reconstruction, 1850's-1870's	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes of the Civil War.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and analyze the main ideas of the debate over slavery, abolitionism, states' rights, and explain how they resulted in major political compromises. 2. Students will identify on a map the states that seceded from the Union and those that remained in the Union.
The student will demonstrate knowledge of major events and people of the Civil War.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and understand the roles of significant figures and battles of the Civil War Era and analyze their significance, including Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, Harriet Tubman and the Battle of Gettysburg. 2. Students will analyze the aftermath of the war and its effects on citizens from the North and South including free blacks, women and former slaveholders.
G. Reshaping the Nation and the Emergence of Modern America, 1877-1916	
The students will analyze the transformation of the American economy and the changing social and political conditions in response to the Industrial Revolution.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and understand the reasons for the increase in immigration, growth of cities, new inventions, and political challenges to the American government arising from the industrial revolution, and analyze their impact. 2. Students will identify and explain racial segregation and racism, including the rise of "Jim Crow," the Ku Klux Klan, discrimination against immigrants, and the relocation of American Indian tribes to reservations, and analyze the impact of these actions. 3. Students will analyze how the rise of big business, the growth of industry, and the change in life on American farms and small towns with increased mechanization changed life in America. 4. Students will analyze the impact of the Progressive Movement on child labor and working conditions; the rise of organized labor; women's suffrage and the temperance movement, and identify the contributions of individuals in these movements.
H. World Wars and the Emergence of Modern America, 1900-1930'S	
The student will demonstrate knowledge of the political, geographical, cultural, social, and economic forces shaping the modern United States.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and understand the reasons for the Spanish-American War and its resulting impact. 2. Students will know and understand the United States' actions in the Pacific, and resulting international reactions. 3. Students will identify and understand the struggles and contributions of African American leaders of this period,

	including W.E.B. Dubois and Booker T. Washington, and compare their ideas.
The student will understand World War I, its causes and effects.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will know and understand the reasons for the United States' neutrality and delayed entry and involvement in World War I. 2. Students will explain Wilson's 14 Points and United States' isolationism.
IV. HISTORICAL SKILLS	
A. Concepts of Time	
The student will acquire skills of chronological thinking.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will develop a chronological sequence of persons, events and concepts in each historical era studied in these grades.
B. Historical Resources	
The student will begin to use historical resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify, describe, and extract information from various types of historical sources, both primary and secondary. 2. Students will assess the credibility and determine appropriate use of different sorts of sources. 3. Students will investigate the ways historian learns about the part if there are no written records.
C. Historical Inquiry	
The student will apply research skills by investigating a topic in U.S. history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will define a research topic that can be studied using a variety of historical sources. 2. Students will identify, locate, and use repositories of research materials including libraries, the Internet, historical societies, historic sites, and archives, as appropriate for their project. 3. Students will develop strategies to find, collect and organize historical research.
The student will analyze historical evidence and draw conclusions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will understand that primary sources document first-hand accounts of historical events and secondary sources may be influenced by the author's interpretation of historical events. 2. Students will compare perspectives in primary and secondary sources and determine how the different perspectives shaped the author's view of historical events. 3. Students will understand the concepts of historical context and multiple causation.
The student will present and explain the findings of a research project.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will analyze how historians present their work in multiple formats.
V. Geography	
A. Concepts of Location	
The student will identify and locate major physical and cultural features that played an important role in the history of the United States.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will locate and name all fifty states, territories, mountain ranges, major rivers valleys, state capitals and cities, as studied. 2. The student will locate on a map or globe the major empires of the late 19th century and their largest overseas territories. 3. Students will locate the major source countries for immigration to the United States during the years 1877-

	1916. 4. Students will describe how the landownership patterns laid out by the French, English, Spanish, and the United States Public Land Survey created different parts of the country.
B. Maps and Globes	
The student will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific and increasingly complex geographic knowledge.	1. Students will use political and thematic maps to locate major physical and cultural regions of the world and ancient civilizations studied.
	2. Students will distinguish differences among, uses of and limitations of different kinds of thematic maps used to describe the development of the United States.
The student will make and use maps to acquire, process, and report on the spatial organization of people and places on Earth.	1. Students will compare and contrast the differences among a variety of maps and explain the appropriate use of projections, symbols, coloring and shading, and select maps appropriate for answering questions they have.
C. Physical Features and Processes	
The student will use basic terminology describing basic physical and cultural features of continents studied.	1. Students will locate and describe major physical features and analyze how they influenced cultures/civilizations studied.
The student will identify and locate geographic features associated with the development of the United States.	1. Students will identify physical features and analyze their impact as either hindering or promoting settlement, establishment of cities and states, and economic development in the United States, Mohawk Depression, Ohio River, Appalachian Mountains, and California gold fields.
The student will identify physical characteristics of places and use this knowledge to define regions, their relationships among regions, and their patterns of change.	1. Students will describe the major physical features of the United States and the regions of the world they study.

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Grade 8

Standards	Benchmarks
I. U. S. HISTORY	
I. A WORLD AT WAR, 1930'-1945	
<p>The student will understand and analyze the economic, social, and political transition of the United States before, during and after World War II.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will examine causes and analyze the effects of the Great Depression and the impact of the New Deal. 2. Students will analyze the major causes and effects of American neutrality and eventual involvement in World War II, including the America First movement, lend-lease, and the impact of Pearl Harbor. 3. Students will recognize major events, battles and significant leaders in World War II and analyze their impact, including Franklin Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, Winston Churchill, Adolph Hitler, the Battle for Midway, the invasion of Normandy, and the decision to drop the atomic bomb on Japan. 4. Students will evaluate the impact of World War II on the home front and on American culture, including Japanese internment, Tuskegee Airmen, and "Rosie the Riveter."
J. POST WORLD WAR II ERA, 1945-1980	
<p>The student will analyze the economic, social, and political transformation of the United States and the world between the end of World War II and the present.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will understand and explain the rebuilding of Europe and Japan after World War II, including the Marshall Plan and the American occupation of Japan. 2. Students will understand and analyze the emergence of the United States as a superpower, and its pivotal role in the establishment of the United Nations. 3. Students will analyze the role of American foreign policy and military action during the Cold War era, including the Truman Doctrine, Korean and Vietnam Wars and the Cuban Missile Crisis. 4. Students will explain the changing patterns of society, expanded educational and economic opportunities for military veterans, women, and minorities. 5. Students will identify major Supreme Court decisions during this era and analyze their impact, including Brown vs. Board of Education.
K. CONTEMPORARY AMERICA, 1980-PRESENT	
<p>The student will recognize the opportunities and challenges facing the United States and explore its role in the world since 1989.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify and evaluate American contributions to the fall of the Soviet bloc, from the Truman Doctrine through the presidency of Ronald Reagan. 2. Students will analyze challenges of a post communist world, especially September 11, 2001 and its aftermath.
IV. HISTORICAL SKILLS	
A. Concepts of Time	

The student will acquire skills of chronological thinking.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will develop a chronological sequence of persons, events and concepts in each historical era studied in these grades.
B. Historical Resources	
The student will begin to use historical resources.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will identify, describe, and extract information from various types of historical sources, both primary and secondary. 2. Students will assess the credibility and determine appropriate use of different sorts of sources. 3. Students will investigate the ways historians learn about the past if there are no written records.
C. Historical Inquiry	
The student will apply research skills by investigating a topic in U.S. history.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will define a research topic that can be studied using a variety of historical sources. 2. Students will identify, locate, and use repositories of research materials including libraries, the Internet, historical societies, historic sites, and archives, as appropriate for their project. 3. Students will develop strategies to find, collect, and organize historical research.
The student will analyze historical evidence and draw conclusions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will understand that primary sources document first-hand accounts of historical events and secondary sources may be influenced by the author's interpretation of historical events. 2. Students will compare perspectives in primary and secondary sources and determine how the different perspectives shaped the authors' view of historical events. 3. Students will understand the concepts of historical context and multiple causation.
The student will present and explain the findings of a research project.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will analyze how historians present their work in multiple formats.
V. Geography	
A. Concepts of Location	
The student will identify and locate major physical and cultural features that played an important role in the history of the United States.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will locate and name all fifty states, territories, mountain ranges, major rivers valleys, state capitals and cities, as studied. 2. The student will locate on a map or globe the major empires of the late 19th century and their largest overseas territories. 3. Students will locate the major source countries for immigration to the United States during the years 1877-1916. 4. Students will describe how the landownership patterns laid out by the French, English, Spanish, and the United States Public Land Survey created different parts of the country.
B. Maps and Globes	
The student will use maps and globes to demonstrate specific and increasingly complex geographic knowledge.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will use political and thematic maps to locate major physical and cultural regions of the world and ancient civilizations studied.

	2. Students will distinguish differences among, uses of and limitations of different kinds of thematic maps used to describe the development of the United States.
The student will make and use maps to acquire, process, and report on the spatial organization of people and places on Earth.	1. Students will compare and contrast the differences among a variety of maps and explain the appropriate use of projections, symbols, coloring and shading, and select maps appropriate for answering questions they have.
C. Physical Features and Processes	
The student will use basic terminology describing basic physical and cultural features of continents studied.	1. Students will locate and describe major physical features and analyze how they influenced cultures/civilizations studied.
The student will identify and locate geographic features associated with the development of the United States.	1. Students will identify physical features and analyze their impact as either hindering or promoting settlement, establishment of cities and states, and economic development in the United States, Mohawk Depression, Ohio River, Appalachian Mountains, and California gold fields.
The student will identify physical characteristics of places and use this knowledge to define regions, their relationships among regions, and their patterns of change.	1. Students will describe the major physical features of the United States and the regions of the world they study.