

SOCIAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTION SIXTH GRADE – CONTEMPORARY WORLD SOCIETIES

Grade six social studies uses an examination of modern societies as the basis for learning specific concepts of culture, government, economics and religion. Geography skills are stressed, including atlas use and the ability to interpret maps, charts, and graphs. Tracing the historical reasons for the patterns of developing societies is an important focus. The common thread, “Geography is Destiny” (environment determines the way society develops) is the theme throughout the year. It is the study of this universal concept that encourages an understanding and acceptance of diversity.

- First 9 weeks - Geography
 Middle East – focus for comparative religions (Judaism,
 Christianity, Islam)

- Second 9 weeks - Europe – backdrop for forms of government and economics

- Third 9 weeks - African American History – Africa (Colonization)
 Asia (Eastern philosophies)

- Fourth 9 weeks - Latin America (Colonization) – environmental interactions
 World Connections – Summary observations