



Shakopee Area Catholic School
Social Studies Standards and Benchmarks
Grade Level: 7
World Geography

History

Students will develop an understanding of key influences which shape the world.

1. Probe the cultures (beliefs, values, accepted behaviors, and environment) of countries around the world.
2. Define the physical characteristics of regions of the world and the influence they have on history.
3. Make predictions of future events based on the past experiences.

Geography

Students will develop a mental map of the physical characteristics of the world.

1. Develop and interpret maps, charts, models, and graphs which show views of the world.
2. Describe how to locate important information on maps and charts.
3. Analyze and interpret charts, maps, models, graphs, and data bases which show key information (population, resources, and change over time).
4. Apply a geographic point of view to solve social and environmental problems.
5. Apply the vocabulary used in the study of world geography.
6. Explore and present information on world geography in a research format.
7. Demonstrate how to use longitude and latitude to locate continents, regions, countries on a map.
8. Compare the climates of the world and the effect on people of that region.
9. Recognize the great boundaries of the world and how they have affected people and movement.

Civics and Government

Students will develop an understanding of civic life, politics, and governments around the world.

1. Explore the origins of government types.
2. Summarize the changes world governments have made over time.
3. Evaluate the way current events have changed and shaped the future of world governments.

Students will develop an understanding of citizenship and its rights and responsibilities.

1. Develop abilities and dispositions to participate in civic life.
2. Analyze political campaign ads and platform.
3. Experience the voting process.

Students will develop an understanding of the relationship of the United States to other nations and to world affairs.

1. Use media to gather information.
2. Research topics in current events.
3. Relate current events to personal experiences.

Economics

Students will develop an understanding of economic issues have been resolved in United States history.

1. Define the concept of scarcity and that economic choices involve trade-offs.
2. Explain the institutions that evolved in the United States to help individuals, groups and government accomplish their economic goals.
3. Analyze trends in the current economy of the United States.
4. Explore the way improved technology has changed the cultures of the world.
5. Compare the environmental factors effect on the development of culture in the world.
6. Relate the ways physical geography influences the ability of a culture to develop.

Psychology

Students will develop an understanding of the world's cultures from various perspectives.

1. Understand the emotional and social developments which influence personal perspective.
2. Compare cultures with your own and contrast geographical characteristics.
3. Understand how key influences changed the lives of various groups in world history.