

Social Studies

Standards and Benchmarks

Sixth Grade

Course Description:

The focus of sixth grade social studies is the study of the history and geography of Canada and Latin America from exploration and colonization to the present. Also, the study of Iowa History with special emphasis on early peoples in Iowa, settlement during the 1800's, and important people and places in Iowa.

Standards:

History--Understand historical perspective and how it affects society

Government--Understands and applies the basic principles of civics, politics, and government

Economics--Understands the Principles of Economic Systems

Geography--Use geographic information to understand people and places

Social Sciences--Analyze the impact of human interaction and cultural diversity on societies

Benchmarks:

6.1.1 Understands how early explorers and leaders affected the settlement of the Western Hemisphere

6.2.1 Understands the characteristics of the governments of Canada and Latin America

6.3.1 Understands the interdependence of the Western Hemisphere

6.4.1 Understand and apply a variety of map skills

6.5.1 Understands the cultural regions of the Western Hemisphere

6.6.1. Understands how European cultures affected the settlement of the Western Hemisphere.

6.1 History

6.1.1 Understands how early explorers and leaders affected the settlement of the Western Hemisphere

6.1.A Knows how the French and English settled Canada.

6.1.B Knows how 18th and 19th century Mexican leaders affected the formation of Mexico.

6.1.C Knows how Iowa's land was formed and has changed throughout its history.

6.1.D Knows some early explorers, settlers, and Native Americans in Iowa.

6.1.E Understands Iowa's importance in the Civil War.

6.2 Government

- 6.2.1 Understands the characteristics of the governments of Canada and Latin America*
- 6.2.1.A Knows the differences between the formation of Canada's government and that of the U.S.
 - 6.2.1.B Understands the turmoil in many of the Latin American country's governments.
 - 6.2.1.C Knows some of Mexico's important 19th and 20th century leaders.

6.3 Economics

- 6.3.1 Understands the interdependence of the Western Hemisphere*
- 6.3.1.A Knows how trade between countries of the Western Hemisphere impacts their economy.
 - 6.3.1.B Understands the importance of natural resources and geographic features on a country's economy.
 - 6.3.1.C Understands the importance of agriculture to Iowa's development.
 - 6.3.1.D Knows how agriculture in Iowa has changed from the early pioneers to the present.
 - 6.3.1.E Knows the important means of transportation in Iowa in the 19th century.

6.4 Geography

- 6.4.1 Understand and apply a variety of map skills*
- 6.4.1.A Knows how to use different aspects of a map like scale, latitude and longitude, elevation, a map legend, and special purpose maps.
 - 6.4.1.B Knows the Canadian provinces and their important physical features.
 - 6.4.1.C Knows the Latin American countries main physical features and important cities.
 - 6.4.1.D Knows some geographical features and historical sites in Iowa.

6.5 Social Sciences

- 6.5.1 Understands the cultural regions of the Western Hemisphere*
- 6.5.1.A Knows the differences between Anglo-America and Latin America.
 - 6.3.2.B Knows the difference between how the English and the French interacted with the Native Americans.
 - 6.3.2.C Understands how the U.S./Mexican War affected relations between the U.S. and Mexico.

6.6 Humanities

- 6.6.1. *Understands how European cultures affected the settlement of the Western Hemisphere.*
- 6.6.1.A Knows the similarities and differences between Anglo-America and Latin America.
- 6.6.1.B Knows how cultural differences determined the settlement of Canada.
- 6.6.1.C Understands how Native Americans and European settlers created the culture of Mexico and other Latin American countries.
- 6.6.1.D Understands the changing way of life in the settlement and development of Iowa.
- 6.6.1.E Understands relations between Native Americans and pioneers in Iowa.
- 6.6.1.F Knows what pioneer homes and farm life were like in Iowa.