

Grade 6 Social Studies Standards and Benchmarks

STANDARD 1

Culture: Students will understand the nature and features of culture and know the value of cultural diversity

- 1.1 Understands the similarities and differences in the ways groups, societies, and cultures meet human needs and concerns
- 1.2 Knows and understands how language, literature, the arts, architecture, other artifacts, traditions, beliefs, values, and behaviors contribute to the development and transmission of culture
- 1.3 Knows and understands the interrelatedness of groups, their physical and social environments and the development of culture.
- 1.4 Understands the implications of cultural diversity, as well as cohesion, within and across groups

STANDARD 2

Time, Continuity, and Change: Students will understand how events of the past impact the present and the future

- 2.1 Understands the importance of critical sensitivities such as empathy and skepticism regarding attitudes, values, and behaviors of people in different historical contexts
- 2.2 Knows and understands patterns of change (recurring themes) within selected historic periods

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STANDARD 3

People, Places and Environments: Students will understand physical and human geography and the relationship between them

- 3.1 Knows and understands and interprets various representations of the earth
- 3.2 Understands physical and cultural patterns and their interactions, such as land use, settlement patterns, cultural transmission of customs and ideas, and ecosystem changes
- 3.3 Understands the interrelatedness of historical events and physical and human geographic factors

Standard 4

Individual Development and Identity: Students will understand individual development and identity

- 4.1 Understands personal changes and connections in relation to place and society
- 4.2 Understands the way family, gender, ethnicity, nationality, and institutional affiliations contribute to personal identity and daily lives of individuals

STANDARD 5

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions Students will understand the creation, purpose and function of various systems of government.

- 5.1 Understands the interactions of people and between people and institutions, and their influence on each other
- 5.2 Understands that tensions exist between expressions of individuality and social conformity
- 5.3 Understands that belief systems affect government policies and laws

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Standard 6

Power, Authority and Governance: Students will understand the creation, purpose, and function of various systems of government

- 6.1 Knows the purpose of government and how its powers are acquired, used, and justified

Standard 7

Economic Systems: Students will understand the ways in which people organize for the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services

- 7.1 Understands economic systems and how they structure choices for the production and distribution of goods and services

Standard 8

Technology and Science: Students will understand the development and impact of science and technology on society

- 8.1 Understands the influence of culture on scientific and technological choices and advancement
- 8.2 Understands how science and technology have changed people's perceptions of the social and natural world
- 8.3 Understands need for laws and policies to govern scientific and technological applications