

Middle School Social Studies

Cathedral School



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The focus of Social Studies is to provide students with a broad understanding of an increasingly interdependent global society. Students are encouraged to think analytically as they are introduced to the world's diverse cultures and their respective histories. Students take a critical look at tomorrow's history through the incorporation of today's Current Events. Our Social Studies objective is to impart many of the values associated with global citizenship promoting the ongoing development of social, political, and moral consciousness.

6th Grade Social Studies

The main emphasis of this course is the study of the people, places, and cultures of the Western Hemisphere. Instruction of the content is organized around the Five Themes of Geography: location, place, human-environment interaction, movement, and regions. Students apply the Five Themes of Geography to the physical, human, and cultural study of our Earth, the United States and Canada, Latin America, Europe, and Russia.

Text: Exploring Our World – Western Hemisphere (Glencoe)



7th Grade Social Studies

The study of the Eastern Hemisphere's people, places, and cultures is the focus of the seventh grade Social Studies course. Instruction of the content is again organized around the Five Themes of Geography: location, place, human-environment interaction, movement, and regions. Students apply the Five Themes of Geography to the physical, human, and cultural study of Africa, Asia, Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica.

Text: Exploring Our World – Eastern Hemisphere (Glencoe)



8th Grade Social Studies

The main emphasis of this course is the study our American History. Students take a critical look at our American nation from prehistory to present. Studies begin with the exploration and colonization of America, followed by the American Revolution and the development of the American government. Studies continue with the era of America's expansion, the nation's plight for Civil Rights, industrial growth, and America's involvement in the World Wars. Traditionally, students also partake in the American Hero project. A research project and presentation of a self-selected American Hero that our eighth grade students take pride in completing each year.

Text: The American Nation (Prentice Hall)

