

**Wentworth Jr. High School
Curriculum Map
Social Studies – 6th Grade**

Month	Content	Skills	Suggested Activities	Assessments	State Standards
August/September	Mapping	Geography terms Physical maps Political maps Compass Rose Hemispheres Themes of Geography Map keys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a classroom map using a map key and a Compass Rose. • Group work: Create 7 continents and map places to be studied. • Summarize an area based on political/ physical maps (climate, land use, religion & language). • Compare regions based on the maps. • Create a 3 dimensional map of a specified area. 	Rubrics Vocabulary quiz Portfolio Graphic organizers Map term test Demonstrate knowledge of maps	17.A.3a 17.A.3b 17.B.3a 17.C.3a 17.C.3c
October	Southwest Asia	Read for content CRISS note taking Following routes on a map Technological advances Social classes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary cards • Concept map • Place social classes in a classification pyramid. • Practice writing using a cuneiform. • Discuss Hammurabi's code. • Complete matrix showing contributions made by groups in Fertile Crescent. • Compare/contrast Phoenician alphabet to our alphabet. 	Rubrics Worksheets on map routes Focus questions Chapter Test	17.A.3a 17.B.3a 17.C.3a 18.A.3a 1.B.3b 1.A.3b
November	Asia and Americas – Early Civilizations	Read for content Indus River importance Chinese culture and traditions Innovations/Inventions Topographic maps Artifact analysis Evaluate Olmec and Mayan connection CRISS note taking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write an ending to the Mohenjo Daro mystery. • Comic strip on use of Oracle Bones • Use Shang symbols to write a sentence. • Questions on elevated maps • Compare/Contrast in Venn diagram the Olmec and Mayans. • Vocabulary T-charts 	Focus Questions Chapter test Vocabulary quizzes Worksheets on elevated maps and artifact analysis	17.A.3a 17.A.3b 17.B.3a 17.C.3a 17.C.3c 16. E.3a 18.A.3a

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December	Empires of Ancient India and China	Reading for comprehension CRISS note taking Compare government structures Cause and Effect 13 year empire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary webs • Venn diagram on dynasties • Dynasty webs • ABC book • Map drawing • Role playing 	Rubrics Tests Quizzes Portfolio	16.E.3a
January	India/Persia	Connecting main ideas Read for information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping • Vocabulary cards • Describe the cultures with supporting details. 	Focus questions Tests Quizzes Worksheets	16.E.3a
February/March	Rome	Read for content KWL chart CRISS note taking Internet research Compare/Contrast using a diagram Literature circles on <i>The Footsoldier</i> Discussions on review questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punic War poster board display • Discuss Twelve Table research acquired • In teams: Name policies or programs that united Rome • Create a graph out of the number of followers of the different religions of the world. 	Rubrics Reflection journals Student made tests	14.A.3 14.B.3 15.E.3b 16.B.3a 2.C 2.B 3.A 3.B 3.C 4.A 4.B 5.B

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April	Byzantine Empire	Point of view Primary sources Recognizing general and supporting statements Distinguish between fact and opinion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graphic organizers for Byzantine Empire, Muslim Empire, Europe in the Middle Ages 	Tests Rubrics Quizzes Focus questions	16.B.3b
	Middle Ages	Apply reading and research skills Apply information Connect main ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coat of Arms • Diorama of feudal manor and surrounding villages 	ABC book of Middle Ages	16.A.3b 16.B.3c
May	Empires in the Asias and Americas	Read for content Graphic organizers Discover how the empire was built Achievements Compare life during the different dynasties Effects of the Mongol conquests, Marco Polo and Kublai Khan Relationship between Japan's isolation and growth Aztec influence Inca influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary cards • Vocabulary signs • Anticipation guides • Compare viewpoints • Concept map • Interpret graphs, charts, maps • Cause and effect of Mongol Empire • Comparing maps of different scales • Concept web 	Rubrics Worksheets to reinforce skills Focus questions Poster on the Inca or Aztec way of life	1.A.3b 1.B.3b 16.A.3b 16.B.3d 16.C.3a 17.A.3a 17.B.3b 16.C.3c 16.E.3b