

GRADE 1 SOCIAL STUDIES

The first grade social studies program through Macmillan/McGraw Timelinks Series teaches geography, history and citizenship. These are taught through map skills and the connection between geography and history. The focus is on past and present people, places and events. Active citizenship is attained by addressing community involvement.

Geography

Students will:

- understand parts of a map and the key
- know the seven continents and name them
- locate directions on a map
- identify major oceans
- locate the equator, north/south pole, northern and southern hemisphere
- identify a compass rose

Early Civilizations

Students will:

- understand what a civilization is and the importance of agriculture and cities in making civilization prosper
- learn about ancient Egypt, leadership under the pharaohs, language and dependence on the Nile river

Early Civilizations of the Americas

Students will:

- learn about the early settlers and explorers, slavery in the colonies, the pilgrims at Plymouth and the first Thanksgiving
- know about England, Jamestown, the puritans and Pocohontas

Early Exploration and Settlement

Students will:

- know the story of Christopher Columbus' voyage in 1492
- name the three ships he used
- understand the story of Paul Revere's ride
- know about the Fourth of July
- know who George Washington was
- name our capital city
- know the legend of Betsy Ross and the flag

Symbols and Figures

Students will:

- be familiar with the significance of the Liberty Bell and the American flag
- know the current United States president
- ^ Understanding government events
- ^ Jobs at school/home/community

^ Community helpers

Materials

Pearson Learning Core Knowledge
E.D. Hirsch What Every First Grader Should Know
Lined paper, worksheets
Plays

Instruction

Large group instruction
Small group instruction
Cooperative learning
Play acting

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