

Social Studies Curriculum-Grade 7

The curriculum for grade 7 is based on the Massachusetts State Frameworks, the Archdiocesan of Boston's social studies curriculum as well as E.D. Hirsch Core Knowledge curriculum.

Unit 1-1850-1900 U.S. History

Students will learn about:

- Technological Advancements 1850-1900
 1. electricity
 2. railroad
 3. telegraph
 4. telephone etc.
- The Growth of Big Business
 5. the steel industry
 1. the oil industry
 2. John D. Rockefeller
 3. Andrew Carnegie
 4. Horizontal and Vertical Consolidation
 - Industrialization and the Workers
 5. Factories and Working conditions
 1. Amoskeag and Lowell Mills
 - The Great Strikes
 2. Socialism
 1. Labor Unions
 2. Railroad, Haymarket, Pullman and Homestead Strikes

Unit 2-America Becomes a World Power

Student's will learn about:

- Expansion of the U.S. Navy
- U.S. annexation of Hawaii
- The Spanish-American War
- U.S. Imperialism
- Panama Canal
- Roosevelt Collorary, Monroe Doctrine and the Big Stick Policy

Unit 3- World War I- The Great War 1914-1918

- Geography of various countries in Europe

- Review of physical geography of Europe
- location of countries and capitals involved in W.W.I
- Causes of W.W.I
- Alliances
- U.S. involvement in the war
- Armistice Day
- Treaty of Versailles
- Woodrow Wilson's 14 Points
- League of Nations

Unit 4- The Roaring Twenties and the Jazz Age

Students will learn about:

- Society in the 1920's
- Mass Media and the Jazz Age
- Cultural Conflicts
- Politics and the Economy in the the 1920s

Unit 5- The Great Depression

Students will learn about:

- The Stock Market Crash
- Social Effects of the Depression
- Life during the Great Depression
- The election of 1932
- The New Deal