

Social Studies Curriculum-Grade 7 2008-2009

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
 1. the steel industry
 2. the oil industry
 3. John D. Rockefeller
 4. Andrew Carnegie
 5. Horizontal and Vertical Consolidation

- Industrialization and the Workers
 1. Factories and Working conditions
 2. Amoskeag and Lowell Mills
 3. The Great Strikes
 4. Socialism
 5. Labor Unions
 6. 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 Corollary, 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
- O.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

***** If time at the end of the year, we may cover World War II