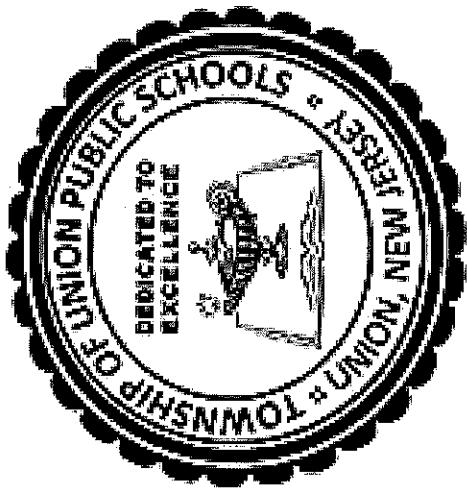


# TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**Grade 7 Social Studies  
Updated December 18, 2018**

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Township of Union Public Schools is to build on the foundations of honesty, excellence, integrity, strong family, and community partnerships. We promote a supportive learning environment where every student is challenged, inspired, empowered, and respected as diverse learners. Through cultivation of students' intellectual curiosity, skills and knowledge, our students can achieve academically and socially, and contribute as responsible and productive citizens of our global community.

## **Philosophy Statement**

The Township of Union Public School District, as a societal agency, reflects democratic ideals and concepts through its educational practices. It is the belief of the Board of Education that a primary function of the Township of Union Public School System is to formulate a learning climate conducive to the needs of all students in general, providing therein for individual differences. The school operates as a partner with the home and community.

## **Statement of District Goals**

- Develop reading, writing, speaking, listening, and mathematical skills.
- Develop a pride in work and a feeling of self-worth, self-reliance, and self-discipline.
- Acquire and use the skills and habits involved in critical and constructive thinking.
- Develop a code of behavior based on moral and ethical principles.
- Work with others cooperatively.
- Acquire a knowledge and appreciation of the historical record of human achievement and failures and current societal issues.
- Acquire a knowledge and understanding of the physical and biological sciences.
- Participate effectively and efficiently in economic life and the development of skills to enter a specific field of work.
- Appreciate and understand literature, art, music, and other cultural activities.
- Develop an understanding of the historical and cultural heritage.
- Develop a concern for the proper use and/or preservation of natural resources.
- Develop basic skills in sports and other forms of recreation.

## **Course Description**

This course of study investigates human history from its earliest stages to the Age of Revolutions, including Political, Industrial and Scientific Revolutions. The geography, history, and culture of areas of the world, beginning with the early river civilizations, are studied. The achievements and contributions of the classical cultures of Greece, Rome, China, India, and Africa will be analyzed as will the development of the societies of Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. The diversity of cultures and the contributions of various cultures and ethnicity will be analyzed in context and in relationship to current events.

## Recommended Resources

- *Discovering Our Past A History of The World (Glencoe)*
- Database → EBSCOHost
- Database → <http://online.infobaselearning.com>
- <http://www.njamistadcurriculum.net/history/units>
- TIME 100 Photos
- Digital History
- Reading Like A Historian | Stanford History Education Group
- DocstTeach
- Teaching Hard History | Teaching Tolerance
- CommonLit | Free Fiction & Nonfiction Literacy Resources, Curriculum, & Assessment Materials for Middle & High School English Language Arts
- [www.elcivics.com](http://www.elcivics.com)\*
- [go.hrw.com/gopages/ss-gy.html\\*](http://go.hrw.com/gopages/ss-gy.html)

\*ELL Resources

# New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Social Studies

## Social Studies

The digital age has transformed social studies education, allowing 21st-century learners to transcend the limits of time and place and experience historic events virtually. By expanding their learning networks through online collaboration with experts and other students from around the world, New Jersey social studies students develop an increased depth of understanding of our global society. At the same time, their understanding of the fundamental principles and values of American democracy and citizenship provides the conceptual framework that allows them to make informed decisions about local, national, and international issues and challenges.

**Mission:** Social studies education provides learners with the knowledge, skills, and perspectives needed to become active, informed citizens and contributing members of local, state, national, and global communities in the digital age.

**Vision:** An education in social studies fosters a population that:

- Is civic minded, globally aware, and socially responsible.
- Exemplifies fundamental values of American citizenship through active participation in local and global communities.
- Makes informed decisions about local, state, national, and global events based on inquiry and analysis.
- Considers multiple perspectives, values diversity, and promotes cultural understanding.
- Recognizes the implications of an interconnected global economy.
- Appreciates the global dynamics between people, places, and resources.
- Utilizes emerging technologies to communicate and collaborate on career and personal matters with citizens of other world regions.

## **Intent and Spirit of the Social Studies Standards**

All students receive social studies instruction from Preschool through grade 12. The challenges of the 21st century are complex, have global implications, and are connected to people, places, and events of the past. The study of social studies focuses on deep understanding of concepts that enable students to think critically and systematically about local, regional, national, and global issues.

Authentic learning experiences that enable students to apply content knowledge, develop citizenship skills, and collaborate with students from around the world prepare New Jersey students for the 21st-century workplace. The natural integration of technology in social studies education allows students to overcome geographic borders, apply scientific and mathematical analysis to historical questions and contemporary issues, appreciate cultural diversity, and experience events through the examination of primary sources.

The New Jersey social studies standards and indicators reflect national and state standards and other documents published by the National Center for History Education, National Council for Social Studies, National Council for Geographic Education, Center for Civic Education, National Council on Economic Education, Mid-Continent Research on Education and Learning, National Assessment of Educational Progress, and the Partnership for 21st Century Skills

## The Role of Essential Questions

Key essential questions recur throughout the study of history. They provoke inquiry and lead to deeper understanding of the big ideas that enable students to better comprehend how the past connects to the present. The essential questions created for this project, which follow, were used to frame content goals and to inform the development of the cumulative progress indicators.

### A. Civics, Government, and Human Rights

- How do citizens, civic ideals, and government institutions interact to balance the needs of individuals and the common good?
- How have economic, political, and cultural decisions promoted or prevented the growth of personal freedom, individual responsibility, equality, and respect for human dignity?

### B. Geography, People, and the Environment

- How do physical geography, human geography, and the human environment interact to influence or determine the development of cultures, societies, and nations?

### C. Economics, Innovation, and Technology

- How can individuals, groups, and societies apply economic reasoning to make difficult choices about scarce resources? What are the possible consequences of these decisions for individuals, groups, and societies?
- How have scientific and technological developments over the course of history changed the way people live and economies and governments function?

## D. History, Culture, and Perspectives

- How do our interpretations of past events inform our understanding of cause and effect, and continuity and change, and how do they influence our beliefs and decisions about current public policy issues?
- How can the study of multiple perspectives, beliefs systems, and cultures provide a context for understanding and challenging public actions and decisions in a diverse and interdependent world

## **Curriculum Units**

- Unit 1: The Beginnings of Human Society: Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages
- Unit 2: Early Civilizations: Ancient Mesopotamia/Fertile Crescent
- Unit 3: Early Civilizations: Ancient Egypt
- Unit 4: Early Civilizations: Ancient India and China
- Unit 5: Ancient Greece
- Unit 6: Ancient Rome
- Unit 7: African Kingdoms
- Unit 8: Middle Ages and Feudalism
- Unit 9: Renaissance, Reformation, Exploration

## **Pacing Guide**

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| <b>Unit 1:</b> | <b>September</b>         |
| <b>Unit 2:</b> | <b>September-October</b> |
| <b>Unit 3:</b> | <b>October-November</b>  |
| <b>Unit 4:</b> | <b>December</b>          |
| <b>Unit 5:</b> | <b>December-January</b>  |
| <b>Unit 6:</b> | <b>February-March</b>    |
| <b>Unit 7:</b> | <b>March-April</b>       |
| <b>Unit 8:</b> | <b>April-May</b>         |
| <b>Unit 9:</b> | <b>May-June</b>          |

## **Unit 1: The Beginnings of Human Society: Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages**

In Unit 1, students are introduced to the concepts of prehistory and agriculture in order to track the origins of human progress, the Agricultural Revolution, and the beginning of early settlements. Students analyze the foundations of human behavior, the essential role of polytheistic and monotheistic religion, and human-environmental interaction.

Essential Questions	NJSLS Social Studies	Activities	Assessments
1. What are the major differences between the Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages? 2. How did the Agricultural Revolution impact people living in the world 10,000 years ago? 3. How does geography impact human migration? 4. How did geography impact early settlements and create civilizations? 5. What is culture and describe the five primary characteristics of a civilization. 6. How did specialization contribute to the growth of technology? 7. How do historians learn about past	6.2.8.A.1.a 6.2.8.B.1.a 6.2.8.C.1.b 6.2.8.D.1.b 6.2.8.D.1.c	1. 'Prehistory' Discussion and Notes - Using Art History to Understand Primary and Secondary Sources  2. Create a Civilization Group Project  3. Secondary Source readings about Neolithic Age and Agricultural Revolution (finding bias)  4. Analysis of Timelines and understanding BCE/BC	1. Random Vocabulary Quizzes 2. Unit 1 Test (Open-Ended format) 3. "Wadjet Eye" Summer Reading

		and CE/AD concepts (cross-curricular Math)
8. What are the major differences between primary and secondary sources and give examples.		
9. How do historians use maps to learn about past and present civilizations?		

### Key Vocabulary Terms

Primary source	Prehistory	Technology	Anthropology
Secondary source	Paleolithic	Neolithic	Civilization
History	Nomad	Monarchy	Bias
Bias	Specialization	Archaeology	History
Civilization	Excavate		
Artifacts			
Technology			
Anthropology			
Geography			
Culture			
Map skills			
Physical Geography			
Political Geography			
Government			

## Unit 2: Early Civilizations: Ancient Mesopotamia/Fertile Crescent

In Unit 2, Students are introduced with the history of the Fertile Crescent and the early settlements of Mesopotamia. Students analyze early examples of empire building, systems of slavery, monotheistic and polytheistic religions, and the complex human-environmental relationships of the middle-east region.

Essential Questions	NJSLS Social Studies	Activities	Assessments
1. Why do you think Mesopotamia was a good location for the growth of civilization? 2. How did the development of a written language (cuneiform) transform how people lived? 3. What ideas and inventions did Sumerians pass on to other civilizations? 4. What are the positive and negative effects of Hammurabi's rule during the Babylonian Empire. 5. How is Hammurabi's Code of Law similar and different from United States' Code of Law?	6.2.8.A.2.a 6.2.8.B.2.a 6.2.8.B.2.b 6.2.8.C.2.a 6.2.8.D.2.a 6.2.8.D.2.b 6.2.8.D.2.c 6.2.8.D.2.d	1. Physical and Political Map Analysis and Map Skills 2. Pros and Cons of Empires Debate and Open-Ended 3. Hammurabi Court Cases 4. Analysis of Hammurabi Code and Comparison to United States Code of Laws	1. Random Vocabulary Quizzes 2. Unit 2 Test (open-ended format) 3. Debate and Argument (Rubric)

<p>6. Determine the origins and influences of social, political, cultural, and economic systems.</p> <p>7. Explain how/why different early river valley civilizations developed similar forms of government and legal structures.</p> <p>8. Determine the extent to which geography influenced settlement, the development of trade networks, technological innovations, and the sustainability of early river valley civilizations.</p> <p>9. Analyze the impact of religion on daily life, government, and culture in various early river valley civilizations.</p> <p>10. Explain how the development of written language transformed all aspects of life in early river valley civilizations.</p> <p>11. Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the early river valley civilizations over time.</p> <p>12. Analyze how the code of Hammurabi affected society.</p>	6.2.8.D.3.d	<p>5. Sumerian Polytheistic Religions Primary Source analysis (DBQ)</p> <p>6. Analysis of the Ten Commandments and Comparisons to Hammurabi and US Code of Law</p> <p>7. Primary Source analysis of the Old Testament (Psalms and Proverbs)</p>
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## Key Vocabulary Terms

silt	Hammurabi
irrigation	Sargon I
city-state	Code of Law
cuneiform	Assyrian Empire
ziggurat	Military
Fertile crescent	Ur/Uruk
artisan	Babylon
social hierarchy	
empire	
caravan	
tribute	
province	
River valley	
Sumer	

### **Unit 3: Early Civilizations: Ancient Egypt**

Following the civilizations of the Fertile Crescent, students then journey to Ancient Egypt and analyze the development of the civilization growing concurrently with those of Mesopotamia and the Israelites. Students analyze the role of religion and architecture throughout the timespan of this civilization.

<b>Essential Questions</b>	<b>NJSLS Social Studies</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Explain how the physical features/geography of Egypt made it a good location for the growth of civilization?</li><li>2. What ideas and inventions did the Egyptians pass on to other civilizations?</li><li>3. Describe how difference in social status in Egyptian society affected how people lived.</li><li>4. Determine how the practice of embalming led to advances in math and medicine.</li><li>5. Describe how Egypt and Nubia influenced each other.</li><li>6. Explain how/why different early river valley civilizations developed similar forms of government and legal</li></ol>	<p>6.2.8.A.2.a 6.2.8.B.2.a</p> <p>6.2.8.B.2.b</p> <p>6.2.8.C.2.a</p> <p>6.2.8.D.2.a</p> <p>6.2.8.D.2.b</p> <p>6.2.8.D.2.c</p> <p>6.2.8.D.2.d</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Physical and Political Map Analysis and Map Skills</li><li>2. DBQ: Mesopotamia and Egypt: Are they successful civilizations?</li><li>3. Unit 3 Test: Open-ended format</li><li>4. Notebook Check</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Random Vocabulary Quizzes</li><li>2. DBQ: Mesopotamia and Egypt: Are they successful civilizations?</li><li>3. Unit 3 Test: Open-ended format</li><li>4. Notebook Check</li></ol>

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7. Determine the extent to which geography influenced settlement, the development of trade networks, technological innovations, and the sustainability of early river valley

civilizations.

8. Analyze the impact of religion on daily life, government, and culture in various early river valley civilizations.

9. Explain how the development of written language transformed all aspects of life in early river valley civilizations.

10. Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the early river valley civilizations over time.

History Webquest

5. Bureaucracy in Ancient Egypt Chunking/Main Idea activity

6. Geography of Egypt

Discussion and notetaking

### Key Vocabulary Terms

River valley  
silt  
Polytheism  
irrigation  
cataract  
Nubian  
textiles

theocracy  
bureaucrat  
pharaoh  
embalming  
pyramid  
Kush

shadoof

delta

papyrus

hieroglyphics

dynasty

## **Unit 4: Early Civilizations: Ancient India and China**

Following the civilization of Ancient Egypt and Nubia, students analyze the development of the civilizations in the far east. Students analyze the role of religion and architecture throughout the timespan of this civilization, including the roles of philosophers and important religious figures.

<b>Essential Questions</b>	<b>NJSLS Social Studies</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>What are some examples of planned communities and how do they make life easier for their people?</li><li>Compare and contrast social hierarchies (India Caste System) in classical civilizations as they relate to power, wealth, and equality.</li><li>Compare and contrast the various world religions and philosophies that developed in or around this time period (Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism)</li><li>Describe how Early China's religious beliefs affected daily life. Explain how that changed over time.</li><li>Explain how/why different early river valley civilizations developed similar forms of government and legal structures.</li></ol>	<p>6.2.8.A.2.a 6.2.8.B.2.a 6.2.8.B.2.b 6.2.8.C.2.a 6.2.8.D.2.a 6.2.8.D.2.b 6.2.8.D.2.c 6.2.8.D.2.d</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>India Caste System Analysis and Chart Design</li><li>Buddhism/Hinduism Close Reading primary source analysis and comparison chart</li><li>Eastern Religions Class Debate</li><li>Confucianism Close Reading and Class Discussion/Debate</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ancient China DBQ (analysis of Documents - no essay)</li><li>Unit 4 Test (open-ended format)</li></ol>

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| <p>6. Determine the extent to which geography influenced settlement, the development of trade networks, technological innovations, and the sustainability of early river valley civilizations.</p> |  |
| <p>7. Analyze the impact of religion on daily life, government, and culture in various early river valley civilizations.</p>   |  |
| <p>8. Explain how the development of written language transformed all aspects of life in early river valley civilizations.</p>   |  |
| <p>9. Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the early river valley civilizations over time.</p>   |  |

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8. Explain how the development of written language transformed all aspects of life in early river valley civilizations.
9. Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the early river valley civilizations over time.

## Key Vocabulary Terms

Primary source	Technology	Mohenjo-Daro	Buddhism
Secondary source	Social Hierarchy	nirvana	
History	Monotheism	aristocrat	
Anthropology	surplus	ancestor	
Geography	city-state	bureaucracy	
Prehistory	Culture	hereditary	
Map skills	artisan	oracle bones	
Physical Geography	social hierarchy	Confucianism	
Political Geography	empire	pictograph	
Government	tribute	ideograph	
Nomad	artifacts		
Civilization	bias		

## Unit 5: Classical Civilizations: Ancient Greece

Following the completion of early river civilizations, students begin to analyze early Classical civilizations in Greece. In Unit 5, students are introduced to complex issues pertaining to early forms of government, including direct democracy and the use of slave labor to restrict the rights of citizenship to certain people.

Essential Questions	NJSLs Social Studies	Activities	Assessments
1. Determine the extent to which geography influenced settlement, the development of trade networks, technological innovations, and the sustainability of early river valley civilizations.  2. Analyze the impact of religion on daily life, government, and culture in various early river valley civilizations.  3. Compare and contrast military practices in ancient Greece and the United States and how they are essential for the nation.  4. What are the concepts of Athenian democracy and how did they influence United States democracy?  5. Compare and contrast the rights and responsibilities of free men, women,	6.2.8.A.3.a  6.2.8.A.3.b  6.2.8.A.3.c  6.2.8.A.3.e  6.2.8.B.3.b  6.2.8.D.3.a  6.2.8.D.3.c  6.2.8.D.3.d	Greece City-State 3D Model, Computerized Brochure Project  Sparta DBQ open-ended question  Antigone open-ended question and cross-curricular  Play reading ( <i>Antigone</i> and <i>the Iliad</i> )  Slave Revolt close-reading analysis	Benchmark Exam  Random Unit 5 Vocabulary Quiz  Unit 5 Test (open-ended format)  Open-ended question cross-curricular

<p>slaves, and foreigners in Greece.</p> <p>6. Discuss how philosophers affected daily life in ancient Greece and how people today think about the meaning of life.</p> <p>7. How is the Delian League an early example of union among nations and how does this relate to the United Nations today?</p> <p>8. Explain how the development of written language transformed all aspects of life in early river valley civilizations.</p> <p>9. Compare and contrast the ancient Greek theatre to any current form of entertainment (movies, Broadway, Disney on ice, et.)</p> <p>10. Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the early river valley civilizations over time.</p>	<p>Greece and US Citizenship comparison and class debate</p>
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## Key Vocabulary Terms

Polis	Persia
City-State	Persian War
Colony	Xerxes
Agora	Pericles
Phalanx	Direct Democracy
Community	Athens
Citizenship	Ephors
Politics	Representative Democracy
Tyranny	Philosophers
Antigone	Delian League
	United Nations
	Peloponnesian War

## **Unit 6 Classical Civilizations: Ancient Rome**

Following the completion of early Classical civilizations in Rome. In Unit 6, students are introduced to complex issues in government, including economic policies, the use of slave labor, class struggles, the importance of civic duty, and the establishment of foreign policy/military involvement. The legacies of ancient Rome are evaluated and compared to society today.

<b>Essential Questions</b>	<b>NJSLS Social Studies</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Assessments</b>
1.Determine the extent to which geography influenced settlement, the development of trade networks, technological innovations, and the sustainability of early river valley civilizations. 2.Analyze the impact of religion on daily life, government, and culture in various early river valley civilizations. 3.Compare and contrast military practices in ancient	6.2.8.A.3.a 6.2.8.A.3.b 6.2.8.A.3.c 6.2.8.A.3.d 6.2.8.A.3.e 6.2.8.B.3.a 6.2.8.B.3.b 6.2.8.B.3.c 6.3.8.D.3.d	Map skills activity: identify the modern day countries that were once part of The Roman Empire  Ancient Roman Newspaper Research Project  The accomplishments of ancient Rome DBQ essay	Benchmark Exam Random Unit 6 Quizzes Unit 6 Test (open-ended format)  Open-ended question cross-curricular  Project based learning-Roman Newspaper Exit cards

<p>Rome and the United States and how they are essential for the nation.</p> <p>4.What are the concepts of Roman government? How did they influence the development of The Constitution of The United States?</p> <p>5.Compare and contrast the rights and responsibilities of free men, women, slaves, and foreigners in Rome.</p> <p>6.Explain how the development of written language transformed all aspects of life in early river valley civilizations.</p> <p>7.Evaluate the importance and enduring legacy of the major achievements of the early river valley civilizations over time.</p> <p>8. Analyze the factors that caused Christianity</p>	<p>6.3.8.D.3.e</p> <p>Chart analysis: compare the government of The United States and The Roman Republic</p> <p>Analyzing primary sources, close-reading analysis</p>
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to spread throughout the Roman Empire.

9. What factors led to the fall of Rome and how are they similar to issues The USA are facing today?

10. How did the concept of civic duty and patriotism impact roman society?

## Key Vocabulary Terms

Romulus and Remus	Legion	Christianity
Mythology	patrician	triumvirate
Republic	plebeian	Pax Romana
Empire	consul	Gladiator
Punic Wars	veto	Reform
Hannibal	praetor	Saint Patrick
Carthage	tribune	Octavian Augustus
Phoenicians	dictator	Julius Caesar
latifundia	civic duty	Emperor Constantine
		Germanic Tribes

## Unit 7 African Kingdoms

Following the unit on Ancient Rome, students are introduced to West African Empires. Students will analyze the pros and cons of a centralized government as well as the importance of strong leadership. In Unit 7, students are introduced to the salt and gold trade and how it contributed to the wealth and power of Mali, Ghana and Songhai. The influence of Islam throughout North Africa and The Arabian peninsula will be evaluated.

Essential Questions	NJSLS Social Studies	Activities	Assessments
1.How did physical geography play a role in the development of Arabian and African communities? 2.What natural resources influenced and affected how African communities grew into kingdoms? 3.How do African oral histories and	6.2.8.B.4.a  6.2.8.B.4.b  6.2.8.B.4.c	Map skills activity: create a map of Africa including kingdoms and trade routes  Create a CD  Create a CD	Random Unit 7 Quizzes  Unit 7 Test (open-ended format)  Open-ended question cross-curricular

<p>traditions teach us about African communities, including slave narratives and histories?</p> <p>4.How did polytheistic and monotheistic religions play a role in Arab and African communities? How does this compare to other nations we have studied?</p> <p>5.What lasting contributions and scientific discoveries did Muslim communities spread throughout the world?</p> <p>6.Compare and contrast forms of governance, belief systems, and family structures among</p>	<p>6.2.8.B.4.d 6.2.8.B.4.e</p>	<p>Webquest: complete task sheets students collaborate using the jigsaw model</p> <p>DBQ analysis</p>	<p>Project based learning: create a CD</p> <p>Exit cards</p>
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African Kingdoms.  
7. Examine the effect of the spread of Islam throughout Africa.

8. Compare and Contrast Mansa Musa with other government leaders we have learned about.  
9. What were the causes and effects of the fall of Songhai?

## Key Vocabulary Terms

Arab	Sunni	Matrilineal
Arabian peninsula	Shia	Oral histories
Persian Gulf	Five Pillars of Islam	Salt mines
Oasis	Prophets	African slave trade
Caravan	Ghana	Mansa Musa
Makkah	Mali	Sundiata Keita
Muhammad	Songhai	Zimbabwe
Muslim	Extended families	Swahili city-states
Quran	Timbuktu	

## Unit 8 Middle Ages and Feudalism

Following the unit on Ancient Africa, students are reintroduced to turmoil in Europe after the fall of Rome. Students will analyze the pros and cons of a centralized government as well as the importance of strong leadership. In Unit 8, students are introduced to the system of feudalism and the creation of a new “merchant” or middle class. The causes and effects of The Crusades are analyzed as students gain a greater understanding of how conflicts hundreds of years ago still impact our world today.

Essential Questions	NJSLS Social Studies	Activities	Assessments
1.How did physical geography play a role in the spread of The Plague?	6.2.8.B.4.a 6.2.8.B.4.b	Map skills activity: Analyze the spread of The Plague	Random Unit 8 Quizzes Unit 8 Test (open-ended format)
2.What natural resources influenced and affected how the Vikings became successful raiders?	6.2.8.B.4.c 6.2.8.B.4.d 6.2.8.B.4.e	Webquest DBQ analysis “The Spread of Islam” Analyze the nursery rhyme “Ring Around The Rosey”	Open-ended question cross-curricular STEM project: create catapult related to the spread of The Plague
3.How did feudalism cause this time			Exit cards

period to become known as The Dark Ages?

4.How did Christianity and The Church impact life in The Middle Ages?  
How does this compare to other nations we have studied?

5.How did The Crusades lead to the ultimate creation of the middle class?

6.Examine the conflict and cooperation among Muslims and Christians in the middle ages.

7.How did the Byzantine Empire

and the Islamic world influence each other?	
8.Explain the enduring legacies of The Crusades	

### Key Vocabulary Terms

Middle Ages Feudalism Vikings Fief Charlemagne Battle of Tours Charles Martel Pope	Lord Knight Vassal Serf Bishop Manor Monastery Monk	Three field system Crusades Seljuk Turks Commerce Guild Magna Carta Apprentice Black Death
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## **Unit 9 Renaissance, Reformation and The Age of Exploration**

Following the unit on The Middle Ages, students will evaluate the effects of The Crusades and the breakdown of feudalism. The value of taking a greater interest in learning will be evaluated. The causes and effects of The Renaissance, Reformation, Age of Exploration and colonization will be analyzed. The relevance of these major world events will be compared and contrasted to world events today.

Essential Questions	NJSL Standards Social Studies	Activities	Assessments
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<p>1. How did the increase in trade and commerce spark the Renaissance?</p> <p>2. What were the causes and effects of a more modern banking system?</p> <p>3. How did new ideas during The Renaissance contribute to The Reformation?</p> <p>4. How did The Reformation lead to political changes in Europe?</p> <p>5. Justify how innovations from Asian and Islamic civilizations, as well as from</p>	<p>6.2.8.B.4.a</p> <p>6.2.8.D.4.b</p> <p>6.2.8.D.4.g</p> <p>6.2.12.C.2.a</p> <p>6.2.12.D.2.a</p> <p>6.2.12.D.2.b</p> <p>6.2.12.D.2.c</p> <p>6.2.12.D.2.d</p>	<p>Map skills activity: Create trade route maps and relate to colonization</p> <p>Webquest - researching major figures of The Renaissance and Reformation.</p> <p>Double entry journal using textbook and primary sources</p> <p>Cross curricular Renaissance art and music activities.</p>	<p>Random Unit 9 Quizzes</p> <p>Unit 9 Test (open-ended format)</p> <p>Open-ended question cross-curricular</p> <p>Final Exam</p> <p>Exit cards</p>

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the

Renaissance.

6. How did new

intellectual,

philosophical,

and scientific

ideas affect how

humans viewed

themselves and

how they viewed

their physical

and spiritual

worlds?

7. How did the

printing press

and other

technologies

have an impact

in the

dissemination of

ideas?

## Key Vocabulary Terms

Renaissance	Reformation	Prince Henry The Navigator
Petrach	Martin Luther	Marco Polo
Lorenzo de Medici	95 Theses	Cape of Good Hope
Michelangelo	Church of England	Astrolabe
Leonardo Da Vinci	Elizabeth I	Compass
Johann Guttenburg	William Shakespeare	
Printing Press	Spanish Armada	

## **Suggested Activities/Modifications**

Below are a list of suggested activities, modifications, accommodations, and enrichment opportunities. This includes, but is not limited to:

1. Activities:
  - a. <https://www.sheppardsoftware.com>
  - b. <https://quizlet.com/subject/quiz-bowl-questions-social-studies/>
  - c. Social Studies: Student Interactives [https://www.uen.org/7-12/interactives/social\\_studies.shtml](https://www.uen.org/7-12/interactives/social_studies.shtml)
2. English Language Learners:
  - a. Read written instructions
  - b. Students may be provided with note organizers/study guides to reinforce key topics.
  - c. Model and provide examples
  - d. Extended time on assessments when needed.
  - e. Establish a non-verbal cue to redirect student when not on task.
  - f. Students may use a bilingual dictionary.
  - g. Pair Visual Prompts with Verbal Presentations
  - h. Highlight Key Words & Phrases
3. Special Education/504 Students:
  - a. Students may be provided with note organizers / study guides to reinforce key topics.
  - b. Extended time on assessments when needed.
  - c. Preferred seating to be determined by student and teacher.
  - d. Provide modified assessments when necessary.
  - e. Student may complete assessments in alternate setting when requested.

<p>f. Establish a non-verbal cue to redirect student when not on task.</p> <p>g. Maintain strong teacher / parent communication.</p> <p>h. Repetition and practice</p> <p>i. Pair Visual Prompts with Verbal Presentations</p> <p>j. Check Use of Agenda</p> <p>4. Gifted and Talented Students:</p> <p>a. Use of Higher Level Questioning Techniques</p> <p>b. Extension/Challenge Questions</p> <p>c. Provide Assessments at a Higher Level of Thinking</p> <p>d. greatsocialstudies.com (Enrichment Activities)</p>	<p><b>New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Technology</b></p> <p>8.1.8 A.2– Create a document using one or more digital applications to be critiqued by professionals for usability. Roman Newsletter depicting the events and happenings of the time period.</p> <p><b>Career Readiness Practices</b></p> <p>CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.</p> <p>CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.</p> <p>CRP3. Attend to personal health and financial well-being.</p> <p>CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.</p> <p>CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.</p> <p>CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.</p> <p>CRP8. Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.</p> <p>CRP9. Model integrity, ethical leadership and effective management.</p> <p>CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.</p>
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**9.2 Career Awareness, Exploration, and Preparation Content Area: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers Strand C: Career Preparation**

- 9.2.8.B.3 Evaluate communication, collaboration, and leadership skills that can be developed through school, home, work, and extracurricular activities for use in a career.
- 9.2.8.B.4 Evaluate how traditional and nontraditional careers have evolved regionally, nationally, and globally.
- 9.2.8.B.5 Analyze labor market trends using state and federal labor market information and other resources available online.
- 9.2.8.B.7 Evaluate the impact of online activities and social media on employer decisions.

**Career & Technical Education Content Area: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life and Careers Standards**

- 9.3.ST.2 Use technology to acquire, manipulate, analyze and report data.
- 9.3.ST-SM.4 Apply critical thinking skills to review information, explain statistical analysis, and to translate, interpret and summarize research and statistical data.
- 9.3.ST-SM.3 Analyze the impact that science and mathematics has on society.

**Interdisciplinary Connections/Global Perspective:**

- 1. Students will learn Sumerian numerals and understand the base of 60, tracing the beginnings of early mathematics.
- 2. Students will read various informational text and write informative and expository texts.
- 3. Students will understand how technological advances were first made and implemented.

## Social Studies Skills Table

**Essential Question:** What are effective strategies for accessing various sources of information and historical evidence, determining their validity, and using them to solve a problem or find a solution to a public policy question?

Social Studies Skill	5-8
Chronological Thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construct timelines of the events occurring during major eras including comparative events in world history for the different civilizations.</li><li>Explain how major events are related to one another in time.</li></ul>

## **Spatial Thinking**

- Select and use various geographic representations to compare information about people, places, regions, and environment.
- Use maps and other documents to explain the historical migration of people, expansion and disintegration of empires, and growth of economic and political systems.

## **Critical Thinking**

- Compare and contrast differing interpretations of current and historical events.
- Assess the credibility of sources by identifying bias and prejudice in documents, media, and computer-generated information.
- Analyze primary and secondary sources for reconstructing the past and understanding historical perspectives (i.e. documents, letters, diaries, maps, images, etc.)

## **Presentational Skills**

- Select and analyze information from a variety of sources to present a reasoned argument or position in a written and/or oral format
- Present information in a logical manner using evidence and reasoning while demonstrating presentation skills (e.g., eye contact, adequate volume, clear pronunciation)

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards**

### **Social Studies**

**6.1 U.S. History: America in the World:** All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

**6.2 World History/Global Studies:** All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible world citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**6.3 Active Citizenship in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** All students will acquire the skills needed to be active, informed citizens who value diversity and promote cultural understanding by working collaboratively to address the challenges that are inherent in living in an interconnected world.

