

Brandywine Heights Area School District
200 West Weis Street, Tipton, PA
Course Syllabus for 7thGrade Social Studies

Overview: The seventh grade social studies curriculum focuses on map skills, physical and human geography, and historical facts about regions in the world. The goal is for students to realize how and why different places of the world affect, depend on, and relate to one another both historically and throughout the world today. Students will analyze the physical, human and cultural geography of North America, Latin America, Africa, Southwest Asia, Australia, Oceania and Antarctica using the Five Themes of Geography and the Eight Elements of Culture. Skills including reading maps, interpreting graphs, charts and diagrams, absolute and relative location and measuring distance using a scale bar will also be taught.

Textbook Used: Exploring Our World: People, Places and Cultures Glencoe, 2010

Outline of Content:

Content listed below is subject to change based on the needs of the students.

I. First Quarter

A. Geography of the World

1. Geography Handbook

2. Looking at the Earth

3. Water, Climate, and vegetation

4. The World's People and Culture

5. The Five Themes of Geography

Assessments:

Chapter/Unit tests and quizzes, map assessments, in-class projects and assignments

II. Second Quarter

A. The United States and Canada

1. Physical geography

2. Human geography

3. Historical overview of the region to present day

B. Latin America

1. Physical geography

2. Human geography

3. Historical overview of the region to present day

Assessments:

Chapter/Unit tests and quizzes, map assessments, in-class projects and assignments

III. Third Quarter

A. North Africa and Southwest Asia

1. Physical geography
2. Human geography
3. Historical overview of the region to present day

B. Africa South of the Sahara

1. Physical geography
2. Human geography
3. Historical overview of the region to present day

Assessments

Chapter/Unit tests and quizzes, map assessments, in-class projects and assignments

IV. Fourth Quarter

A. Africa South of the Sahara (con't)

1. Physical geography
2. Human geography
3. Historical overview of the region to present day

B. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica

1. Physical geography
2. Human geography
3. Historical overview of the region to present day

Assessments

Chapter/Unit tests and quizzes, map assessments, in-class projects and assignments

Grading Structure/Procedure/Framework:

The grade is based on the school district's grading policy.