

Social Studies

Grades
6-8

By the end of the 6th through 8th Grade Program I can . . .

History



- Interpret relationships between events on multiple time lines.
- Explain how social, political and economic developments led to the growth of the United States.
- Analyze the causes and consequences of the American Revolution and the Civil War.
- Describe the causes and effects of significant events that occurred between the 14th and 18th centuries.

People in Societies



- Explain the causes of cooperation and conflict between cultures.
- Describe the origins and impact of cultural diversity in America.
- Explain how contact between cultures impacts a society's development.

Geography



- Use maps to locate major features (oceans, cities, mountains, etc.) on every continent.
- Explain how both human activity and the environment influence the development of communities.
- Explain the consequences when humans change the environment.

Economics



- Explain how the use of resources influences the national as well as global economy.
- Explain how trade contributes to global interdependence.
- Identify connections between government policies and the economy.

Government



- Explain the role of the citizen in various forms of government.
- Explain the importance of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the Northwest Ordinance.
- Compare democracies, monarchies and dictatorships.

Citizenship Rights & Responsibilities



- Describe the impact of civic participation in a democracy.
- Identify the historic origins of the rights of U.S. citizenship.

Social Studies Skills & Methods



- Analyze a topic based on different perspectives.
- Use words or graphics to organize information and draw inferences and conclusions.
- Present and support a position with evidence and citations of primary and secondary sources.
- Work effectively in a group.

These are just *some* of the things I can do. For more information about Social Studies Standards, look for the Standards section on the CPS Web site: www.cps-k12.org

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