

2016-2017 Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Map

The following are general topic areas and intended timelines for instruction. The topics and resources listed are only samples, not a complete listing. Topics are listed in the month they are most likely to be taught, but may occur earlier or later than indicated.

Month	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
September	World Geography - Our planet - Continents and oceans - Referential points	Early American History- 1812 - Immigration - Liberty - Economics	Chinese Ancient History-2 -Chinese mythology -Tang and Song dynasties -Poetry, Calligraphy, Painting	Origins of the Cold War -post WWII devastation in Europe -Marshall Plan, Truman Doctrine -NATO Warsaw Pact, Iron Curtain -Berlin Airlift / Berlin Wall
October	World Geography - Climate zone and seasons - Time zone	American History - Civil War - Immigration - Liberty - Economics	Chinese Ancient History-2 -Yuan Dynasty -Ming Dynasty -classic novels	Civil Rights Movement -Segregation -Protest Non-Violent/Militant
November	World Geography - Water resources - Lakes and rivers	American History - Post Civil War - WW1 - Immigration - Liberty - Economics	Chinese Ancient History-2 -classic novels -early Qing Dynasty -Chinese opera	Vietnam War and the Rise of Social Activism -American Indian Movement -Feminist Movement -Environmentalism
December	World History- Early European Civilizations -Ancient Greece -Roman Empire	Chinese Ancient History-1 -Chinese mythology -pre Qin period	Economic History -Early Civilizations:- Beginning of Economics -River Valley Civilizations -Aztec, Inca, Maya -Egyptian Kingdom	Modern China - Qing Dynasty -Opium war -Sino-Japanese War
January	World History -Middle Ages : Europe and Japan -Renaissance/ Humanism	Chinese Ancient History-1 -Four books and five classics -Han dynasty -Three kingdoms	Economic History - Compare and Contrast Case Studies - Feudalism - Mercantilism	Modern China - the establish of modern China -PRC and ROC
February	World History -Scientific Revolution / Enlightenment -Monarchy, Exploration, Revolutions	Chinese Ancient History-1 -Sui and Tang dynasties -literature and science development	Economic History -Fascist Socialization - Communism - Capitalism	Modern China -cultural collision, religious and thoughts -China and the globalized world - urbanization and economic development
March	European Geography - European geography - European culture - European History - Development of EU	MN State history -Native Americans -Exploration and Settlement	WW I -causes -political map and conflicts -impacts Great Depression	Contemporary Issues Middle East -Oil Politics / Terrorism
April	European Countries -UK -France -Italy -Greece -Spain -Germany	U.S. – Dakota War -Dakota view -US government view -Consequences/Push-pull factors -Urbanization	WW II -Causes – treaties ending WW I, -nationalism -Impact abroad/ destruction -Impact at home	Constitution -Checks and balances -Bill of Rights
May/June	European History -brief introduction	Minnesota - Culture / Economics	WWII - Holocaust	Civics - Citizenship