

**Grade 6 Social Studies - Contemporary World Cultures  
Syllabus**

**Course Overview  
World Cultural Studies**

In Grade 6, students study people and places of the contemporary world. Societies selected for study are chosen from the following regions of the world: Europe, Russia and the Eurasian republics, North America, Middle America, South America, Southwest Asia-North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, East Asia, Southeast Asia, Australia, Oceania and the Pacific Rim. Social studies skills are integrated within each lesson.

First semester		Pacing	Second semester		Pacing
<b>Unit 1</b> Lesson 1.1 Lesson 1.2 Lesson 1.3 Lesson 1.4 Lesson 1.5 Lesson 1.6 Lesson 1.7 Lesson 1.8	<b>Our World</b> Learning from Maps Creating Maps Interpreting Data The World We Live In The Cultural World Patterns in the World Around Us Patterns to help Explore the World Keeping Records	8 Lessons	<b>Unit 7</b> Lesson 7.1 Lesson 7.2 Lesson 7.3 Lesson 7.4 Lesson 7.5	<b>The SHAPE of Russia and Eurasian Republics</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today	5 Lessons
<b>Unit 2</b> Lesson 2.1 Lesson 2.2 Lesson 2.3 Lesson 2.4 Lesson 2.5 Lesson 2.6	<b>Being a Geographer</b> Human Systems - Government Human Systems - Economics Human Systems - Patterns Physical Geography Environment/Society Analyzing the News	6 Lessons	<b>Unit 8</b> Lesson 8.1 Lesson 8.2 Lesson 8.3 Lesson 8.4 Lesson 8.5 Lesson 8.6	<b>The SHAPE of Africa South of the Sahara</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today Regional News Conference	6 Lessons
<b>Unit 3</b> Lesson 3.1 Lesson 3.2 Lesson 3.3 Lesson 3.4 Lesson 3.5	<b>The SHAPE of Southwest Asia and North Africa</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today	5 Lessons	<b>Unit 9</b> Lesson 9.1 Lesson 9.2 Lesson 9.3 Lesson 9.4/5 Lesson 9.6	<b>The SHAPE of North America and Caribbean</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today	6 Lessons
<b>Unit 4</b> Lesson 4.1 Lesson 4.2 Lesson 4.3 Lesson 4.4 Lesson 4.5	<b>The SHAPE of East Asia</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today	5 Lessons	<b>Unit 10</b> Lesson 10.1 Lesson 10.2 Lesson 10.3 Lesson 10.4 Lesson 10.5	<b>The SHAPE of South America</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today	5 Lessons
<b>Unit 5</b> Lesson 5.1 Lesson 5.2 Lesson 5.3 Lesson 5.4 Lesson 5.5 Lesson 5.6	<b>The SHAPE of South and Southeast Asia</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today Regional News Conference	6 Lessons	<b>Unit 11</b> Lesson 11.1 Lesson 11.2 Lesson 11.3 Lesson 11.4	<b>Australia, Oceania, and the Pacific Rim</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region Regional News Conference	4 Lessons
<b>Unit 6</b> Lesson 6.1 Lesson 6.2 Lesson 6.3 Lesson 6.4 Lesson 6.5	<b>The SHAPE of Europe</b> Setting Historical Perspective About the Region People and Culture Events Today	5 Lessons	<b>Unit 12</b> Lesson 12.1 Lesson 12.2 Lesson 12.3 Lesson 12.4 Lesson 12.5 Lesson 12.6 Lesson 12.7/8	<b>The 21<sup>st</sup> Century World</b> Comparing Regional Data Economic Comparisons Political Comparisons Cultural Comparisons Technology on the Move Issues for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century International Festival	8 Lessons