

Avon School Social Studies Curriculum

Grade 6

Curriculum Overview

"All students receive social studies instruction from Kindergarten through grade 12. Today's challenges 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 social studies skills, and collaborate with students from around the world prepare New Jersey students for college, careers, and civic life. 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 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Standards – Social Studies (NJSL-2020) are informed by national and state standards and other documents such as the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies State Standards, as well as those 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, National Assessment of Educational Progress, and the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. Social studies instruction occurs throughout the K-12 spectrum, building in sophistication of learning about history, economics, geography, and civics at all ages."

Reference: New Jersey Department of Education. New Jersey Student Learning Standards, 2020.

Era 1 Colonization and Settlement (1585–1763)

Era 2 Revolution and the New Nation (1754–1820s)

Era 3 Expansion and Reform (1801–1861)

Era 4 Civil War and Reconstruction (1850–1877) "

Era 1-The Beginnings of Human Society

Era 2-Early Civilizations and the Emergence of Pastoral People: Early River Valley Civilizations (Mesopotamia, ancient India, ancient China, Egypt from 4000–1000 BCE)

Era 3-The Classical Civilizations of the Mediterranean World, India, and China (1000 BCE-600 CE)

Era 4-Expanding Exchanges and Encounters (500 CE-1450 CE)

Unit Title	Timeframe
<i>The Beginnings of Human Society (Paleolithic and Neolithic Ages)</i>	<i>September</i>
<i>Early Civilizations and the Emergence of Pastoral People: Early River Valley Civilizations (Mesopotamia, Indus Valley, early China, Egypt)</i>	<i>October-November</i>
<i>Ancient Greece</i>	<i>December-January</i>
<i>Holocaust</i>	<i>February</i>
<i>Ancient Rome (Rise and Fall of Roman Empire)</i>	<i>March-April</i>
<i>Expanding Exchanges and Encounters (Rise and fall of Feudalism, Rise of Islam and West African Trading Empires, Middle Ages, and Bubonic Plague)</i>	<i>May-June</i>