

Sixth Grade Social Studies

Here is a list of all of the Social Studies Skills students learn in Sixth Grade.

A. Prehistory

1. The Neolithic Period

B. Ancient Mesopotamia

1. Early Mesopotamia
2. Mesopotamian empires

C. Ancient Egypt and Kush

1. Ancient Egypt: the Old Kingdom
2. Ancient Egyptian religion
3. The kingdoms of Kush

D. Early China

1. Ancient China
2. Early Chinese thought
3. The Qin Empire
4. The Han Dynasty
5. Science and technology in early China
6. The teachings of Confucius

E. Ancient South Asia

1. The Indus Civilization
2. The Mauryan Empire
3. The Gupta Empire

F. Comparing ancient river civilizations

1. Compare ancient river civilizations: geography and society
2. Compare ancient river civilizations: achievements and legacy

G. The Silk Road

1. The ancient Silk Road: geography and transportation
2. The ancient Silk Road: goods and ideas
3. The medieval Silk Road

H. World religions

1. Origins of Judaism
2. Origins of Christianity
3. Origins of Islam
4. Origins of Hinduism
5. Origins of Buddhism

I. Greece

1. Classical Athens: geography and society
2. Classical Athens: government and culture
3. Comparing Athens and Sparta: part I
4. Comparing Athens and Sparta: part II
5. Alexander the Great

J. Rome and the Byzantine Empire

1. The beginnings of Rome
2. Early Roman society and politics
3. Roman government: monarchy to republic
4. The Roman Republic: part I
5. The Roman Republic: part II
6. Caesar and the end of the Roman Republic
7. Pax Romana
8. The fall of the Western Roman Empire
9. The Byzantine Empire

K. Islamic empires

1. Early Islamic conquests
2. Early Islamic caliphates

L. African empires

1. The Ghana Empire
2. Origins and development of the Mali Empire
3. The Songhai Empire

M. Medieval Asia

1. The Mongol Empire
2. Medieval Japan

N. Medieval Europe

1. Feudal Europe
2. The Crusades
3. The Middle Ages after 1100

O. Early Modern Europe

1. Renaissance origins
2. Italian Renaissance: achievements in literature and art
3. The Reformation
4. The Enlightenment: origins and natural rights
5. The Enlightenment: influences on government

P. Early Americas

1. Foundations of Maya civilization
2. Foundations of Inca civilization
3. Foundations of Aztec civilization

Q. Age of Exploration

1. The Age of Exploration: origins
2. Portuguese and Spanish expeditions: part I
3. Portuguese and Spanish expeditions: part II
4. French and English expeditions: part I
5. French and English expeditions: part II
6. The Columbian Exchange

R. Physical Geography

1. Oceans and continents

S. The Americas: society and environment

1. Region profile: South America

T. The Americas: geography

1. Identify and select countries of Northern and Central America
2. Name countries of Northern and Central America
3. Identify and select countries of the Caribbean
4. Name countries of the Caribbean
5. Identify and select countries of South America
6. Name countries of South America

U. Europe: society and environment

1. Region profile: Europe

V. Europe: geography

1. Identify and select countries of Europe: region 1
2. Name countries of Europe: region 1
3. Identify and select countries of Europe: region 2
4. Name countries of Europe: region 2
5. Identify and select countries of Europe: region 3

6. Name countries of Europe: region 3
7. Identify and select countries of Europe: region 4
8. Name countries of Europe: region 4
9. Identify and select countries of Europe: region 5
10. Name countries of Europe: region 5
11. Identify countries of Europe: review
12. Select countries of Europe: review
13. Name countries of Europe: review

W. Africa: society and environment

1. Region profile: West and Central Africa

X. Africa: geography

1. Identify and select countries of Africa: region 1
2. Name countries of Africa: region 1
3. Identify and select countries of Africa: region 2
4. Name countries of Africa: region 2
5. Identify and select countries of Africa: region 3
6. Name countries of Africa: region 3
7. Identify and select countries of Africa: region 4
8. Name countries of Africa: region 4
9. Identify and select countries of Africa: region 5
10. Name countries of Africa: region 5
11. Identify countries of Africa: review
12. Select countries of Africa: review
13. Name countries of Africa: review

Y. The Middle East: society and environment

1. Region profile: the Middle East

Z. Asia: society and environment

1. Region profile: East Asia
2. Country profile: China

AA. Asia: geography

1. Identify and select countries of Asia: region 1
2. Name countries of Asia: region 1
3. Identify and select countries of Asia: region 2
4. Name countries of Asia: region 2
5. Identify and select countries of Asia: region 3
6. Name countries of Asia: region 3
7. Identify and select countries of Asia: region 4
8. Name countries of Asia: region 4
9. Identify and select countries of Asia: region 5
10. Name countries of Asia: region 5
11. Identify and select countries of Asia: region 6
12. Name countries of Asia: region 6
13. Identify countries of Asia: review
14. Select countries of Asia: review
15. Name countries of Asia: review

BB. Oceania: geography

1. Identify and select countries of Oceania
2. Name countries of Oceania

CC. Government

1. Purposes of government
2. The Legislative Branch
3. The Executive Branch
4. The Judicial Branch
5. Checks and balances
6. State and local government
7. International organizations

DD. The Constitution

1. The Constitution: structure and principles
2. The Constitution: amendments
3. The Bill of Rights

EE. The legal system

1. Laws and courts

FF. Citizenship

1. Citizenship and the naturalization process
2. Rights and responsibilities of active citizenship

GG. Basic economic principles

1. What is economics?
2. Costs and benefits
3. Opportunity cost
4. Trade and specialization
5. What is a market?

HH. Banking and finance

1. Banks

II. Supply and demand

1. Understand quantity supplied and quantity demanded
2. Understand overall supply and demand
3. Create and use supply and demand curves
4. Identify shortage and surplus
5. Identify shortage and surplus with graphs
6. Identify shortage and surplus with data

JJ. Social studies skills

1. Identify primary and secondary sources
2. Identify facts and opinions
3. Reading and creating timelines with BCE and CE
4. Source analysis: the Boston Massacre
5. Source analysis: the Declaration of Independence
6. Source analysis: the Gettysburg Address