



Dominican International School

Grade 7 Social Studies Syllabus

COURSE SYLLABUS

Grade Level: 7
1 Year, 1 Credit
School Year: 2023-2024

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Course Description:

Social Studies Grade 7 is a course that focuses on the Eastern Hemisphere. Students will study the physical and cultural geography of Asia, and the Southwest Pacific which includes historical, economic, political, and cultural relationships. This study includes the following regions: The Middle East (Southwest Asia) and Central Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the Southwest Pacific (Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania). As a result of the studies in this course, students will develop chronological thinking, comprehension, research skills, analytical, and interpretation skills. Students will enhance research skills, make decisions, and solve problems.

TEXT:

Chu, G.H. & Holtgrieve, D. (2018). *World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere*. Pearson.

REFERENCE/LINKS:

1. **Our school website:** <http://www.dishs.tp.edu.tw/>
2. <https://www.savvasrealize.com>

Course Content:

Course Goal

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding about the beautiful geographical features of The Middle East (Southwest Asia), South Asia, East Asia and Southeast Asia as well as how migration shaped the region.
2. The student will come to understand how history of the region along with the people influence how they live today.

3. The student will acquire strategies to access a variety of sources and use appropriate research skills to gather, synthesize, and report information in varied styles to show the knowledge acquired.
4. The student will enhance their geographical skills, reading social studies text, connecting literature to social studies.

Grading Criteria:

The quarterly grade will be awarded for all student work based on the following criteria:

- ✓ **Class Participation, Graded Presentations, Quizzes and Tests-** 30% of quarterly grade
- ✓ **Major Projects and Assignments-** 30% of quarterly grade
- ✓ **Quarterly Exams-** 30% of quarterly grade
- ✓ **Department-** 10% of quarterly grade

Student Materials Required:

1. Textbook
2. Laptops/ tablets
3. Active Journal

CLASSROOM RULES

Rules and consequences are as stated in the Student Handbook

In addition:

- **Be on time and be prepared for class every day.**
- **No mobile phones allowed only laptops/tablets.**
- **Follow the online etiquette rules when engaged in online interactive classes.**
- Be respectful and considerate of others and their property
- Participation is requirement not a choice.
- Assignments must be handed in to the teacher at the beginning of class or will be marked late and deducted 10 % for each day the assignment is late (up to a maximum of fifty percent).
- After the completion of every section, there will be a quiz to test the knowledge of students with regard to the topic.
 - Every student is expected to prepare for the quiz and do his/her best. If absent due to some reason, he/she must meet the teacher and explain/ present proof (*e.g. medical certificate, excuse letter*) explaining the reason of absence and make up the quiz without further delay. ***Quizzes can be announced or unannounced.***
- Portfolio should be maintained properly and it will be checked periodically and points will be given for portfolio.
- ***Speak only English in the classroom.***

Discipline:

1. Verbal warning, second reminder (if needed)
2. Write-Up and then referral to the Discipline Office -(Infraction or detention).
3. Parent-Teacher conference.

Copying (plagiarism) is a serious offense and a form of theft. In certain cases, it is also a criminal offense. It is defined as taking words, phrasing, sentence structure, or any other element of the expression of another person's ideas and using them as if they were your own. Plagiarism is a violation of another person's rights, whether the material stolen is great or small – it is not a matter of degree or intent. Plagiarism has serious consequences.

Any act of plagiarism will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment

Academic Dishonesty means employing a method or technique or engaging in conduct in an academic endeavor that contravenes the standards of ethical integrity expected at DIS. Academic dishonesty includes but is not limited to, the following:

1. Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's own work; and
1. Representing another's intellectual work such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, or research or the like as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
2. Employing a tutor, making use of Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgement, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's own work.
3. Committing any act that a reasonable person would conclude, when informed of the evidence, to be a dishonest means of obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work.

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Schedule of Instruction

SUBJECT: SOCIAL STUDIES GR. 7 **1st QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT**

<i>(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)</i>	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 Aug 10th to 11th <u>Only 2 School Days</u> <i>10 ~ First Day / Orientation Day</i>	TOPIC 6 THE MIDDLE EAST (SOUTHWEST ASIA) THROUGH TIME The Geography of the Middle East; The Silk Road Lesson 1: Origins of Civilization in Southwest Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farming and Sumer
Week 2 Aug 14th to 18th <i>15 ~ Opening Mass</i>	Lesson 1: Quiz 1 Lesson 2: Ancient Empires of The Middle East (Southwest Asia) Cycle of civilizations
Week 3 Aug 21st to 25th	Lesson 3: Origins and Beliefs of Judaism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mythical origins of the Jewish people • The Torah • Ancient Colonialism
Week 4 Aug 28th to Sep 1st	Lesson 4: Origins and Beliefs of Christianity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus & the tenets of Christianity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Paul and the spread of Christianity
Week 5 Sep 4th to 8th <i>8 ~ Holy Mass & VIP Induction</i>	Lesson 5: Origins and Beliefs of Islam <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bedouin culture Muhammad & the Quran Five pillars of Islam Islamic law
Week 6 Sep 11th to 15th <i>12-14 ~ Pre-Exam Days</i>	Lesson 6: Muslim Empires and the Crusades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early caliphs The Sunni-Shia split The Crusades The Ottomans
Week 7 Sep 18th to 22nd	Lesson 7: Building Modern Nations in The Middle East (Southwest Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colonialism Sykes-Picot Zionism Oil
Week 8 Sep 25th to 29th <u>No Classes</u> <i>25-28 ~Teacher's Conference</i> <i>29 – Moon Festival Holiday</i>	Review week
Week 9 Oct 2nd to 6th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>5-6 ~Q1 Exams</i>	First Quarter Exam Students will have 3 days in school

2nd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

<i>(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)</i>	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (10) Oct 9th to 13th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>9-10 – Double 10 Holiday</i>	TOPIC 7 The Middle East (Southwest Asia) Today (Middle East) Lesson 1 Cultural Diversity in the Middle East (Southwest Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Region of Many Faiths A Region of Many Peoples How Has Modern Life Affected the Region?
Week 2 (11) Oct 16th to 20th	Lesson 2 Where People Live and Work in the Middle East (Southwest Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How Does Geography Affect Where People Live? Economies of Southwest Asia The Economy of Saudi Arabia The Economy of Turkey The Israeli Economy
Week 3 (12) Oct 23rd to 27th	Lesson 3 Governments in the Middle East (Southwest Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many Forms of Government What Kinds of Democracy Exist in Southwest Asia? Monarchies A Theocracy and Failed States
Week 4 (13) Oct 30th to Nov 3rd <i>1 - All Saint's Day Mass</i>	Lesson 4 Conflicts in the Middle East (Southwest Asia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conflict and Peace The Conflict in Iraq The Conflict in Syria The Conflict in Yemen

	Project: TBA
Week 5 (14) Nov 6th to 10th	Project
Week 6 (15) Nov 13th to 17th	Project
Week 7 (16) Nov 20th to 24th	TOPIC 8 SOUTH ASIA The Geography of South Asia; The importance of natural boundaries Lesson 1: Early History of South Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rise and fall of Empires • The dynastic cycle
Week 8 (17) Nov 27th to Dec 1st	Lesson 2: Origins and Beliefs of Hinduism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dharma • The castes
Week 9 (18) Dec 4th to 8th <i>8 - Foundation Day Celebrations</i>	Lesson 3: Origins and Beliefs of Buddhism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story of the Buddha • The Four Noble Truths
Week 10 (19) Dec 11th to 15th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>14-15 ~ Q2 Exams</i>	16-17 Second Quarter Exam Written Exam
Dec 18th to Jan 1st	Christmas Break

3rd QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

<i>(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)</i>	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (20) Jan 3rd to 5th <u>3 Days of Class</u> <i>4 ~ New Year Mass</i>	Lesson 4: Later History of South Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrival of Islam • Arrival of the British Independence
Week 2 (21) Jan 8th to 12th	Lesson 5: Living in South Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modern politics in South Asia • Relationship with China
Week 3 (22) Jan 15th to 19th	Introduction Introduction: Geography The Geography of East Asia Videos & Discussions
Week 4 (23) Jan 22nd to 26th	TOPIC 9: EAST ASIA Lesson 1: Early Civilizations of East Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shang and Zhou • Decline of Zhou • Qin Shi Huang • Rise of Han
Week 5 (24) Jan 29th to Feb 2nd	Lesson 2: Chinese Religions and Philosophies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confucius & Confucianism • Lao Tzu & Daoism • Importation of Buddhism The Mandate of Heaven
Week 6 (25)	Lesson 3: Later History of East Asia (China) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Tang and Song Dynasties

Feb 5th to 9th 3 Days of Class <i>8-9 ~ CNY</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mongol Empire • The Ming and the Manchus • Chinese Achievements • Koreans and Japanese Civilizations • The Age of Imperialism the Cold War in East Asia Project
Feb 8th to 16th	Chinese New Year
Week 7 (26) Feb 19th to 23rd <i>19 ~ Lenten Mass</i> <i>21-23 ~ Pre-Exam Days</i>	Lesson 4: Living in East Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource rich and resource poor areas • Correlation between resource rich areas and low standard of living; vice versa
Week 8 (27) Feb 26th to March 1st 4 Days of Class <i>28 ~ 228 Memorial Day Holiday</i>	Lesson 5: East Asia at Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governments of East Asia • Economies of Taiwan, China, North Korea, South Korea, and Japan
Week 9 (28) March 4th to 8th 4 Days of Class <i>8 ~ Q3 Exams</i>	Lesson 6: Challenges Facing East Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic, Political and Environmental Challenges
Week 1 (20) Jan 3rd to 5th 3 Days of Class <i>4 ~ New Year Mass</i>	Review week Third Quarter Exam

4th QUARTER – TENTATIVE COURSE CONTENT

<i>(NB: Depending on time and interest, the teacher may delete and/or add other selections.)</i>	
Week / Date	Topic / Projects / Assessments
Week 1 (29) March 11th to 15th 4 Days of Class <i>11 ~ Q3 Exams</i> <i>12 ~ Q4 Begins</i>	Third Quarter Exam March 21 TOPIC 10: SOUTHEAST ASIA Lesson 1: Early History of Southeast Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khmer & Srivijaya; controlling the flow of resources
Week 2 (30) March 18th to 22nd <i>18-21 ~ Fire Drill</i>	Lesson 1: Early History of Southeast Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khmer & Srivijaya; controlling the flow of resources • Trade along the Malacca Strait
March 25th to Apr 5th	Easter Break
Week 3 (31) Apr 8th to 12th <i>10 ~ Easter Mass</i>	Lesson 2: Independent Southeast Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonialism & Resources • The Vietnam War Lesson 4 Southeast Asia at Work
Week 4 (33) Apr 15th to 19th	TOPIC 11: AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC Lesson 1: Early Cultures of Australia and the Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aborigines • Polynesians: Maori people
Week 5 (34) Apr 22th to 26th	Lessons 2: Modern History of Australia and the Pacific <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Settlers

22-26 ~ AP Mock Exams	
Week 6 (35) Apr 29th to May 3rd <i>1-2 ~ Pre-Exam</i> <i>1-10~ Final Exams (K, 5, 8, 12 only)</i> <i>4/29 – 5/10 ~ AP Exams</i>	Review Week
Week 7 (36) May 6th to 10th <i>1-10~ Final Exams (K, 5, 8, 12 only)</i> <i>4/29 – 5/10 ~ AP Exams</i>	Fourth Quarter Exam Minor Subjects
Week 8 (37) May 13th to 17th <u>2 Days of Class</u> <i>15-16 ~ Q4 Exams</i> <i>17 ~ Record Day</i>	Fourth Quarter Exam
Week 9 (38) May 20th to 24th <u>ACTIVITIES:</u> Double check the school calendar and emails from the administration.	<p>-----</p> <i>20-24 ~ Student Clearance Days</i> <i>21 ~ Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating classes</i> <i>22 & 23 ~ Middle & High School Sports Day</i> <i>23 ~ Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4 Recognition/Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion</i> <i>24 ~ Gr. 6 – 7 Recognition and Gr. 8 Graduation</i> <i>24 ~ Lower School Sports Day</i>
Week 10 (39) May 27th to 31st <u>ACTIVITIES:</u> Double check the school calendar and emails from the administration.	<p>-----</p> <i>27 ~ House Culminating Activity</i> <i>28 ~ Gr. 9-11 Recognition and Gr. 12 Graduation</i> <i>29 ~ Class Party</i> <i>30 ~ Last Day of School & Report Card Distribution (half day)</i> <i>31 ~ Teachers/Staff Meeting</i>