



Dominican International School
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COURSE SYLLABUS

School Year	2025 – 2026
Subject	Social Studies
Grade Level	Grade 3
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Social Studies in the third grade offer students an opportunity to view world communities from the past to the present. We explore the Earth's geography and physical environments. We also look at how human activities have helped to shape the Earth's surface, human settlements and structures, and how human activities are influenced by the Earth's physical features. In the process, students learn about community needs and resources, ways of linking communities, as well as relationships between communities and their government. They will learn about the historical background regarding the development of the United States. Students will also develop an appreciation for American, Taiwanese, and European cultures, as well as a historical understanding of these places. This curriculum strives to develop students' use of critical thinking through a variety of activities that will help them visualize relationships, arrive at understandings, and draw conclusions. The goal is to help students start a personal journey in appreciating the world around them.

The Social Studies curriculum also promotes language skills/fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: By the end of the semester/school year, (SWAT) Students will be able to:

- 1) read critically by highlighting important text and/or making margin notes in their textbook
- 2) recall and explain major topics / ideas covered in class
- 3) use maps to located places of interest / relevance
- 4) use multimedia resources and their textbooks to help them as they work on activities and assignments
- 5) use Google Slides to complete projects and prepare presentations

Differentiated instruction will be used in the classroom in order to cater to the different needs and interests of individual students. Instruction is meant to let students lead, discover, and demonstrate their learning in a variety of ways.



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Students will be involved in a variety of classroom activities such as discussions, role playing/dramatization, related games, group work, and group/individual presentations.

PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER RESOURCES:

Bennett, Linda, Jim Cummins, Frank Esposito, James B. Kracht, Alfred Tatum, and William E. White. *My World Social Studies* Paramus, NJ: Savvas, 2019.

GRADING SYSTEM / ASSESSMENT:

Classwork / Homework Participation 30%	Tests, Quizzes and Projects 30%	Quarter Exam / Project 30%	D'TORCH 10%
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please always check Google Classroom for homework and announcements.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:

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:

- Purposely incorporating the ideas, words of sentences, paragraphs, or parts thereof without appropriate acknowledgment and representing the product as one's work;
- Representing another's intellectual work, such as photographs, paintings, drawings, sculpture, research, or the like, as one's own, including failure to attribute content to an AI.
- Employing a tutor, using Artificial Intelligence without acknowledgment, getting a parent to write a paper or do an assignment, and paying for an essay to be written by someone else and presented as the student's work.
- 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.

Any act of academic dishonesty will result in an automatic zero on the entire assignment/learning task.

First Quarter Tentative Course Content



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Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (August 12 to 15) <u>4 days of class</u> 12-General Assembly at the Gymnasium 15-Opening Mass & Assumption of Our Lady	Introduction to the year in Social Studies Chapter 1: Our Environment Intro & Lesson 1: Land & Water (Landforms)
Week 2 (August 18 to 22) 18-St. Dominic de Guzman Feast Day Celebration) Integrated during the Monday Assembly 20- House Shirt & Blue Jeans Day Starts 22- Club Orientation and Club Sign-up	Lesson 1: Land & Water (Landforms) Lesson 1 Quiz Landforms
Week 3 (August 25 to 29) 27- High School Talk - "Kickstart Your Success: Winning Mindsets for a Great School Year" 29- First Club Meeting	Lesson 2: Weather & Climate
Week 4 (September 1 to 5) 1- Launching of the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (During the Monday Assembly) 1-AP Registration 3- AEO Fall University Fair 5- House Ceremony	Lesson 2: Weather & Climate Lesson 2 Quiz Vegetation
Week 5 (September 8 to 12) 8- Holy Mass: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & VIP Induction 10- House Mini Games Start	Lesson 3: Using Earth's Resources Resource Maps
Week 6 (September 15 to 19) 15- Catholic Bridge Program for all New Students (After the Monday Assembly at the Gymnasium) 19- Athletics / Sports Orientation 19- PSAT/NMSQT Registration deadline	Lesson 3: Using Earth's Resources Resource Maps Intro Lesson 4: Interacting with the Environment
Week 7 (September 22 to 26) 22- Celebration of the International Day of Peace-Peace Pole Ceremony (During the Monday Assembly) Teacher's Day Celebration & 26- Teachers' Appreciation 26- Grade 12 Career Educational Trip 24 to 26-Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 4: Interacting with the Environment



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Week 8 (September 29 to October 3) 29- Launching of the Month of the Holy Rosary (During the Monday Assembly) Oct. 1-2- First Quarter Exam (half day)	Chapter 1 Review Quarter 1 Exam / Project
<i>Oct. 3-DIS Teachers and Staff Recognition Day/ Record Day Recollection for Aunties and Uncles (no classes for students)</i>	

Second Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
<i>6-Moon Festival (no classes)</i>	
<i>7-9 Teacher's Conference (no classes)</i>	
Week 1 (11) (October 13 to 17) 13- Second Quarter Begins 13- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 2nd Semester 14- Visit of Mother Mary to Classrooms (During the morning prayer) 15- AP Exam Only Registration Deadline 15- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 17- PSAT/NMSQT Digital Exam	Chapter 3: Communities Build a Nation Intro & Lesson 1: America's First People
Week 2 (12) (October 20 to 24) 20- Jubilee: Marian Exhibit Opening (After the Monday Assembly) 20- Campus Safety Talk for Students 24- Book Fair (Senior Escape Room)	Lesson 1: America's First People Sequencing & Timelines
Week 3 (13) (October 27 to 31) 29- Grade 11 Career Educational Trip Oct. 31 to Nov. 1- Gr.6 SEL Camp	Lesson 1 Quiz Lesson 2: Early Explorers
Week 4 (14) (November 3 to 7) 3- Feast of St. Martin de Porres Mass (integrated during the Monday Assembly) 5- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep	Lesson 2: Early Explorers Lesson 2 Quiz Early Explorers
Week 5 (15) (November 10 to 14) 14- Health Week 14- VIP-Parent Learning Community	Lesson 3: Early Spanish Communities
Week 6 (16)	Lesson 4: Early French Communities



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(November 17 to 21) 17- Launching of Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Month 21- Young Shakespeare Play Writing and Performing Contest	
Week 7 (17) (November 24 to 28) 24- Peace Pole Day (Monday Assembly) 24- Lighting of the Christmas Tree after school (Campus Min/ ECA/ D' Torch Orchestra/ Religious Studies) (Afternoon) 25-27- Pre-Exam Days 27- Thanksgiving Potluck after school for teachers and staff 27- Thanksgiving Family Day 28- Gr. 12 Second Quarter Exam	Lesson 5: Early French Communities • Lessons 2-5 Quiz Review Chapter 3
Nov. 29 Invitation for All: The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Taipei (Saturday)	
Week 8 (18) (December 1 to 5) 1- First Week of Advent: Lighting of First Advent Candle (During the Monday Assembly) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 5- Nativity Play (Collaboration with Campus Ministry) 5- Christmas Fair Whole Day	Quarter 3 Exam / Project
Week 9 (19) (December 8 to 12) 8- Foundation Day Mass, cake ceremony, and Class Party (half day) 8- Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 8- Second Week of Advent 10- Gr. 12 Advent Immersion 11 and 12- Second Quarter Exam (half day)	Chapter 3 Recap & Intro to Chapter 6
December 13 Invitation for All: Advent Recollection @DIS (Saturday)	
December 15 to January 2 Christmas Break	

Third Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
January 5- Record Day (No Classes for students)	
Week 1 (20) (January 5 to 9) 5- PSAT 8/9 Registration Starts	Chapter 6: A Growing Nation Intro & Lesson 1: New Ways to Travel



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6- Third Quarter Begins 7- Monthly Career Talk-College Prep 9- New Year Mass at 8:00	
Week 2 (21) (January 12 to 16) 16- Club Orientation & Sign Up	Lesson 1: New Ways to Travel • Lesson 1 Quiz Sources
Week 3 (22) (January 19 to 23) 19-23- Individual Yearbook Photoshoot for Students 19-23- Career Awareness Week 22- Grade 9 Career Educational trip 23- First Club Meeting for 2nd Semester	Lesson 2: A New Home in America
Week 4 (23) (January 26 to 30) 26- Feast Day of St. Thomas Aquinas/Launching of the Catholic Week 26-28- Aquinas Conference: Science and Faith 26-30- Catholic Week Activities 30- DYM Charity Concert	Lesson 2: A New Home in America & L2 Quiz
Week 5 (24) (February 2 to 6) 1-4- WASC Mid-Cycle Visit 4- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6-7- SUA0 Recollection for MS	Lesson 3: New Ways to Communicate
Week 6 (25) (February 9 to 13) 9- Start of New Applicant Enrollment for 1st Semester for SY2025-26 13- PSAT 8/9 Registration Deadline 13- House Valentine's Mini Fair 13- Chinese New Year Celebration	Lesson 3: New Ways to Communicate & L3 Quiz
<i>February 16-20 Chinese New Year Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (26) (February 23 to 26) 23-26- IOWA Assessments 23- Student Council Application 24-26- Pre-Exam Days	Lesson 4: New Ideas
<i>February 27 Memorial Day Holiday (no classes)</i>	
Week 8 (27) (March 2 to 6) 3- Monthly Career Talk - College Prep 6- PSAT 8/9 System Installation and Practice Test	Lesson 4: New Ideas • Lesson 4 Quiz



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Week 9 (28) (March 9 to 13) 13 and 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day)	Quarter 4 Exam / Project & Presentations
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Fourth Quarter Tentative Course Content

Week/Date	Topic/Projects/Assessments
Week 1 (29) (March 16 to 20) 16- Third Quarter Exam (half day) 16-20- Faculty & Staff Yearbook Photo 17- Fourth Quarter Begins 18-21- EARCOS Teachers' Conference 19- Lectio Divina and Feast of St. Joseph 20- Parents Learning Community Meeting 20- Kindilympics 20-House Movie Night and Club Fair	Intro Chapter 7: Our Community
<i>March 21 (Saturday) Spring Fair</i>	
Week 2 (30) (March 23 to 27) 23-27 Student Leaders Applicant Interviews 26- Annual Visit to World Religion Museum Gr. 11 27- Lower School Readers Theatre	Lesson 1: What Makes a Community?
<i>March 30 to April 6 Easter/Spring Break</i>	
Week 3 (31) (April 7 to 10) 7- Spring University Fair 9- Easter Mass 9- Easter Egg Hunt for Lower School Students	Lesson 1: What Makes a Community?
Week 4 (32) (April 13 to 17) 13 Laudato Si Month Launching (During the Monday Assembly) 13-30 Laudato Si Month Activities 13-17- Class Photo Taking 17- AP Chinese/Japanese Practice Test	Lesson 2: Types of Communities
Week 5 (33) (April 20 to 24) 20-24 Cultural Awareness Week / Art Exhibit / Earth Week 24- Music Recital 20-24 Student Council Campaign 20-24 AP Mock Exams	Lesson 2: Types of Communities Lesson 2 Quiz
Week 6 (34) (April 27 to 30)	Lesson 3: People, Culture, Celebrations



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27- Student Council Elections 27-30 Senior Project Presentations 28-30 Pre-Exam Days	
<i>May 1: Labor Day Public Holiday</i>	
Week 7 (35) (May 4 to 8) 4- May Crowning & Mother's Day Celebration (During the Monday Assembly) 4-14 Final Exams (K, Gr. 5, 8, & 12 Only) 4-15 AP Exams	Lesson 3: People, Culture, Celebrations • Lesson 3 Quiz
Week 8 (36) (May 11 to 15) 13 and 14- Fourth Quarter Exam— Undergraduate (half day) 14-16 Student Leaders Retreat Days	Chapter 7 Review Quarter 7 Exam / Project
<i>May 15 Record Day (No Classes for students) Final Deliberation for Graduating/Promoting Classes</i>	
Week 9 (37) (May 18 to 22) 18- Gr. 5 Recollection & Mass 19- Gr. 8 Recollection & Mass 20- Gr. 12 Recollection 20- Baccalaureate Mass (Whole School) 18-21 WIDA Testing 19- Lower School Sports Day / Gr. 6 & 7 School Field Trip 19- Gr. 9 - 11 - "Senior Success Forum: Inspiring the Next Generation" 19-22 Student Clearance Days 21- Middle & High School Sports Day 21- High School Field Trip 22- House Culminating Activity 20-22 Final Deliberation for Non-Graduating Classes 22- Student Leaders One Day Recollection / Turn Over Ceremony	The Year in Review
Week 10 (38) (May 25 to 29) 25- Kindergarten Graduation/Gr. 5 Promotion 26- LS Field Trip 26- Gr. 8 Graduation and Gr. 12 Graduation 27- Pre-Kindergarten & Gr. 1 - 4, 6 & 7, 9-11 Recognition Last Day of School, Report Card Distribution, & Class Party (half day) 29- Last day for Teachers/Staff Meeting	The Year in Review

"Kindling the Light of Faith, Hope, and Love: The Legacy of St. Dominic de Guzmán"