







6th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Welcome to 6th Grade! This guide will help you understand what your child will learn in social studies this year and how you can support their learning at home. Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Area Studies course. Students will explore Latin America, Canada, Europe, and Australia through the lenses of geography, history, government, and economics. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

This year's focus: **World Area Studies – Latin America, Canada, Europe, and Australia**
Your child will examine how geography, culture, history, and economics shape different regions of the world and influence global interactions.

<p>HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand the impact of colonization and independence movements in Latin America and Canada• Explore major 20th and 21st century events in Europe and Australia• Analyze the influence of historical events on modern societies 	<p>GEOGRAPHY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Locate major physical and political features in each region• Examine how location, climate, and natural resources affect population distribution and trade• Investigate environmental issues such as deforestation, pollution, and resource extraction 
<p>CIVICS & GOVERNMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare different forms of government (autocratic, democratic, parliamentary, presidential)• Understand how citizens participate in governments across the studied regions• Explore how government systems affect daily life and individual rights 	<p>ECONOMICS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compare traditional, command, and market economies• Understand how countries answer basic economic questions• Analyze trade relationships, barriers, and currency exchange• Explore how literacy, capital investment, and entrepreneurship affect economic growth 

HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

Sixth graders learn through inquiry, analysis, and real-world application:

- Ask & Wonder: Pose questions like “How does geography affect trade?” or “Why do governments differ?”
- Investigate: Use maps, primary sources, and data to explore global issues
- Share & Explain: Write essays, create projects, and engage in discussions
- Reflect: Connect global events to current issues and personal experiences

SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD

- Use maps, charts, and graphs to analyze information
- Compare historical and modern events across regions
- Interpret primary and secondary sources
- Formulate research questions and draw conclusions
- Understand cause and effect in global contexts

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Discuss current events and connect them to global history
- Explore world cultures through books, documentaries, or cuisine
- Talk about different forms of government and economic systems
- Encourage curiosity about global issues and diverse perspectives

6th Grade Social Studies helps students become informed global citizens who understand the interconnectedness of the modern world and their role in shaping it.



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HISTORIC, GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC LITERACY.