



# Social Studies

## Grade 6

### 1st Nine Weeks

This academic overview can be used to monitor and support your child's at-home learning progress.

#### Unit 1: Physical Systems

##### Student Learning Targets

- I can identify the geographic features in a specific place or region.
- I can provide examples of how geographic factors such as location, physical features and distribution of natural resources influence the political relationships in a specific region.
- I can describe the impact of climate change on the people and environment of a specific region.
- I can analyze the ways people have adapted to their physical environment.
- I can identify ways people have modified the physical environment such as mining, irrigation, and transportation infrastructure.

##### Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How do people adapt to their environment?
- What are the consequences of human modification of the environment?
- How does geography influence the way people live?

##### Key Academic Vocabulary

- Geography- the study of places and the relationships between people and their environments.
- Region- an area of land that shares a common characteristic
- Climate- the average measurements of temperature, wind, humidity, and precipitation in a place over the course of years.

#### Unit 2: The World in Spatial Terms

##### Student Learning Targets

- I can define colonization, immigration and trade.
- I can trace how colonization, immigration, and trade have affected contemporary societies.
- I can identify current conditions of contemporary societies to show relationships to past conflicts.
- I can evaluate relationships between past conflicts and current conditions.
- I can describe the social, political, economic and cultural contributions of individuals and groups in various societies, past and present.

##### Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How does European contact and colonization influence contemporary regions of the world?
- What causes conflicts between indigenous people and governments?
- What are the costs and benefits of living in an urban and rural environments?
- How have individuals contributed to political, economic, social, and cultural changes in societies?

##### Key Academic Vocabulary

- Colonization- when one country takes control of another country or region, establishing a settlement, or permanent part of the colony
- Immigration- the process of moving to a new country with plans to live there permanently.