

Curriculum Map – 7th grade Social Studies/Africa

Unit Focus: In this unit, students will examine the growth and development of Africa focusing on the colonial period and the major developments that have impacted African nations since independence. Students will identify important physical and human characteristics, while explaining the impact of these characteristics on various countries in Africa. In addition, students will describe the diverse cultural characteristics of the people in this region, as well as the impact of government policies and civil wars on Africa’s environment. Students will analyze modern government and economic systems.

Connecting Enduring Understandings Across the Social Studies Curriculum:

1. Conflicts over land, wealth, power, and between cultures drive changes in history that continue over time.
2. Geographic principles influence how the history, economic and civic characteristics change over time.
3. Political systems develop from conflicts over wealth, power and the need for independence and economic structure.
4. Economic systems change and develop over time due to fluctuations in wealth and trade and conflicts between cultures and political systems.

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History
Geography
Civics
Economics

Unit Connecting Themes/Concepts

Conflict and Change
Environment and Society
Power and Authority
Wealth and Trade

