

CORE BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

GLOBAL STUDIES ACADEMIC Grade 9

For each of the sections that follow students may be required to analyze, recall, explain, interpret, apply, or evaluate the particular concepts being taught.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Academic Global Studies course will provide students with the content and the skills necessary for analysis of other cultures along with the skills needed for creating a foundation for further courses in social studies. The course includes basic social studies skills, basic geography skills, and elements of culture of Africa, the Middle East, South Asia and East Asia, along with the major world religions. This course builds the framework for understanding the importance of each region's geography, history and traditions, economics and daily life, and literature and the arts, as well as the role of the region in the world today. The Course will also include practice with reading/writing skills, narrative vs. expository reading, and analyzing how to approach reading/writing from a historical perspective.

INTRODUCTION TO CULTURE

- Explain culture, the elements of culture, and how to study culture.
- Examine basic geographic, historic, political and economic patterns and themes.
- Develop skills and strategies to understand and address current global issues.

THE MIDDLE EAST

The Geography, History, and Heritage of the Middle East and North Africa.

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of the Middle East from the earliest civilizations through World War II.

The Modern Middle East and North Africa

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of the nations of the modern Middle East.
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing the modern nations of the Middle East.
- Compare and contrast developments in the Middle East to other regions of the world.
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern nations in the Middle East.

AFRICA

The Geography, History, and Heritage of Africa.

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of the African continent from the earliest civilizations through World War II.

Modern Africa

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern sub-Saharan African nations.
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern African nations.
- Compare and contrast developments in African nations to other regions of the world.
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern African nations

SOUTH ASIA

The Geography, History, and Heritage of South Asia.

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of the South Asia from the earliest civilizations through World War II.

Modern South Asia

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern South Asian nations
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern nations in South Asia
- Compare and contrast developments in South Asia to other regions of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern South Asian nations

EAST ASIA

The Geography, History, and Heritage of China.

- Investigate the historic, political, economic, religious and social development of China from its earliest civilization through World War II.

Modern China

- Analyze the factors that contributed to the formation of modern China
- Evaluate political, economic, and social challenges as well as the current issues facing modern China
- Compare and contrast developments in China to other nations of the world
- Examine the global influence and significance of modern China

Student textbook- *World Cultures: A Global Mosaic & Geography the Human and Physical World*

Supplements- *Newsweek Magazine, The Economist, NY Times UpFront Magazine,*
www.PBS.org

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