



Social Studies Grade 7

(course currently under revision by MSDE)

The HCPS Office of Social Studies will build empowered and informed citizens who think critically, advocate locally, impact globally, and innovate by examining the lessons of the past and applying them to today.

Course Overview

This course explores World History from Prehistory to the Renaissance. Students will be investigating human events from the origins of our species to the end of the Middle Ages across the world. Students will investigate the rise of civilizations as well as their downfalls. Students will learn how humans adapted to changing conditions and how these human innovations impacted lives over time. Students will apply their new knowledge to examine how the events of the past impact all of us today.



The Age of Prehistory

Students will examine the origins of human beings and how humans adapted to their environment in order to survive and thrive. Students will evaluate the effects of human adaptations and the origins of civilized societies.

The Age of Emerging Civilizations

In this unit, students will examine the origins of the world's first civilizations and how they adapted to their respective environments. This includes political, social, and economic characteristics and innovations and contributions of early civilizations. Additionally, students will identify ways these early civilizations have impacted the modern world and evaluate the impact early civilizations had on later civilizations and our modern world.

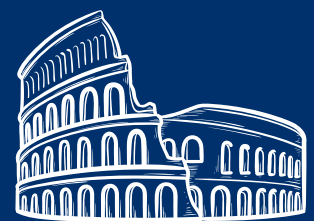


The Age of Ancient Greece

Students will examine the history of ancient Greece with an emphasis placed on the forces that affected the development of ancient Greek history and culture, as well as the contributions Greek culture has had on modern western civilization. Students will gain an understanding of how the culture they know today was molded by past events and accomplishments of the people of Greece.

The Rise & Fall of Rome

Students will investigate how Rome rose from a small village to be one of the greatest empires in history. Students will research and analyze how Rome changed the world and still serves as an inspiration for modern people. Students will also analyze how the Roman Empire collapsed, thus serving as a lesson for all nations.



The Middle Ages in Europe & the Middle East

Students will investigate significant events in Europe and the Middle East from 500 AD to 1400 AD. Emphasis is placed on the social, economic and political characteristics of the region after the fall of the Roman Empire, as well as the role of religion during this time period. In addition, students will examine the institutions and the events of the late medieval period. Students will understand that the late Middle Ages were a period of momentous change leading to the Renaissance.

The Middle Ages in Asia, Africa, & the Americas

Students will investigate the characteristics and accomplishments of civilizations in Asia, the Americas, & Africa during the medieval period. They will research the advancements & complex cultures that developed outside of Europe during the Middle Ages & focus on the economic, political, & geographic factors that influenced the development of human society.



Every student CAN see themselves
IN THEIR LEARNING AND CAN
celebrate **WHAT THEY SEE.**