

Notre Dame Academy
Social Sciences Curriculum
6th through 8th grades
Adapted to California Adopted Standards

Chronology

Research

Presentations

Current Events

Unit 1 6th Grade: Early Humans and Societies
Unit 5 7th Grade: The Roman World
Unit 1 8th Grade: Our Colonial Heritage

Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis reflection, and research.

Introduce a topic clearly and preview what is to follow. Include formatting, graphics and multimedia to aid comprehension.

Introduce claims about a topic or issue and organize the reasons and evidence logically.

Unit 2 6th Grade: Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Kush
Unit 6 7th Grade: Islamic and African Civilizations
Unit 2 8th Grade: A New Nation

Gather relevant information from multiple sources including print and digital sources.

Produce clear and coherent writing where the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Support claims with logical reasoning and relevant, accurate data that demonstrates an understanding of the topic.

Unit 3 6th Grade: Civilization in India and China
Unit 7 7th Grade: Empires of Asia and the Americas
Unit 3 8th Grade: The New Republic

Use search engines effectively while assessing the credibility and accuracy of sources.

Write informative and explanatory texts including the narration of historical events.

Provide a concluding a statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.

Unit 4 6th Grade: Foundations of Western Ideas
Unit 8 7th Grade: Renewal in Europe
Unit 4 8th Grade: The Nation Expands

Quote or paraphrase data and conclusions of others while learning to avoid plagiarism.

Develop the topic with well-chosen facts and definitions along with relevant examples.

Use precise language and vocabulary to inform about or explain a topic.

Establish and maintain a formal style of documentation and citing of sources.

Distinguish among facts, reasoned judgment based on research findings, and speculation in a text.

Use technology to produce and publish writing and present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.