

CURRICULUM STANDARDS

SOCIAL STUDIES

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**Social Studies Standards**

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**Rationale/ Philosophy**

The vision statement for Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford asserts that "Catholic schools educate diverse student bodies to form Catholic, person-centered learning communities; provide quality teaching through traditional and innovative educational programs infused with Catholic social teachings; involve students to serve and support parish life and the local civic communities; graduate students who are critical thinkers , productive moral citizens, and spiritual leaders; and recognize and appreciate parents as the primary educators of their children."

Social studies are the integrated study of the social sciences and the humanities to promote civic competence. Within the school program, social studies provides coordinated, systematic study drawing upon such disciplines as anthropology, archaeology, economics, geography, law, philosophy, political science, psychology, religion and sociology, as well as appropriate content from the humanities, mathematics, and natural sciences. The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world. *(National Council for Social Studies)*

As technology makes the world smaller and smaller, it is increasingly more important that students become aware of other cultures, economic and political systems and the historical developments that have molded these various cultures and systems. Through the study of social studies, students should come to a greater Catholic understanding of individual and group development, power and authority, rights and responsibilities, along with civic ideals and practices. They should also develop a keen awareness of the factors that influence economic and political decision making in their lives and in the world as a whole.

The standards for social studies for the Archdiocese of Hartford have four main strands - History, Geography, Civics and Economics. These four stands include all of the content strands from the social studies curriculum frame work from the Connecticut State Department of Education and the National Council for Social Studies. ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS with learning outcomes for each grade are identified for each of the four standards.

An integral part in the study of social studies should include the component of Catholic social teaching. Students should be aware of:

* The life and dignity of the human person
* The rights and responsibilities of the human person
* The call to family, community and participation
* The dignity of work and the rights of workers
* Options for the poor and vulnerable
* Solidarity – that all people are one human family

Finally, a goal of the Social Studies Standards is that the students in the Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Hartford will be multi-culturally literate and globally aware.

***Multicultural literacy*** *is the ability to understand and appreciate the similarities and differences in the customs, values, and beliefs of one’s own culture and the cultures of others.*

***Students Who Are Multi-culturally Literate:***

*Value Diversity*

* Are aware of how cultural beliefs, values and sensibilities affect the way they and others think and behave.
* Appreciate and accept similarities and differences in beliefs, appearances and lifestyles.
* Understand how technology impacts culture.

*Exhibit an Informed Sensitivity*

* Know the history of both mainstream and non-mainstream American cultures.
* Can take the perspectives of other cultural groups.
* Are sensitive to issues of bias, racism, prejudice and stereotyping.

*Actively Engage with/in Other Cultures*

* Are bilingual/multilingual or are working toward becoming bilingual/multilingual.
* Communicate, interact and work with individuals from other cultural groups, using technology where it is appropriate.
* Are familiar with cultural norms of technology environments and are able to interact successfully in those environments.

***Global awareness*** *is the recognition and understanding of inter-relationships among international organizations, nation-states, public and private economic entities, socio-cultural groups and individuals across the globe.*

***Students who are Globally Aware:***

* Are knowledgeable about the connectedness of the nations of the world historically, politically, economically, technologically, socially, linguistically and ecologically.
* Understand that these interconnections can have both positive benefits and negative consequences.
* Understand the role of the United States in international policies and international relations.
* Are able to recognize, analyze and evaluate major trends in global relations and the interconnections of these trends with both their local and national communities.
* Understand how national cultural differences impact the interpretation of events at the global level.
* Understand the impact of ideology and culture on national decisions regarding access and the use of technology.
* Participate in the global society by staying current with international news and by participating in the democratic process.

**Civics Standards**

The social studies program in grades one through twelve should provide for the study of civics, so that the student can:

1. Work independently and cooperatively to accomplish ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS (Grades 1 – 12 );
2. Identify roles as learned behavior patterns in group situations such as

student, family member, peer play group member, or club member (Grades 1-3);

1. Identify examples of institutions and describe the interactions of

people with institutions (Grades 1 – 12);

1. Identify and describe examples of tensions between and among

individuals, groups, or institutions, and how belonging to more than

one group can cause internal conflicts (Grades 1 – 12);

1. Identify and describe examples of tension between an individuals’

beliefs and government policies and laws (Grades 5-12);

1. Show how groups and institutions work to meet individual’s needs and

promote the common good, and identify examples of where they fail

to do so (Grade 5 - 12);

1. Examine the rights and responsibilities of the individual in relation to

his or her social group, such as family, peer group, and school class (Grades 1-6);

1. Explain the purpose of government (Grades 1-12);

**i.** Recognize how groups and organizations encourage unity and deal with

diversity to maintain order and security (Grades 1 – 12);

1. Distinguish among local, state, and national government and identify

representative leaders at these levels such as mayor, governor, and

president (Grades 1-5);

1. Identify and describe factors that contribute to cooperation or cause

disputes within and among groups and nations (Grades 4-12);

1. Recognize and give examples of the tensions between the wants and

needs of individuals and groups, and concepts such as fairness, equity,

and justice (Grades 1-12);

1. Identify examples of laws and policies that govern technological

applications, such as the Endangered Species Act and Environmental

Protection policies (Grades 5, 7-12);

1. Suggest ways to monitor technology in order to protect the physical environment, individual rights and the common good (Grades 5-12);
2. Identify key ideals of the United States’ democratic republican form of government, such as individual human dignity, liberty, justice, equality, and the rule of law; and discuss their application in specific situations (Grades 3-12);
3. Identify examples of rights and responsibilities of citizens (Grades 1-12);
4. Locate, access, organize and apply information regarding an issue of

public concern from multiple point of views (Grades 5-12);

1. Identify and practice selected forms of civic discussion and participate consistently with the ideals of citizens in a democratic republic (Grades 3-5, 7-12);
2. Explain actions citizens can take to influence public policy decisions (Grades 1-12);

**t.** Recognize that a variety of formal and informal factors influence and

shape public policy (Grades 4 -12);

1. Examine the influence of public opinion on personal decision-making

and government policy on public issues (Grades 5-12);

1. Explain how public policies and citizen behaviors may or may not

reflect the stated ideals of a democratic republican form of government (Grades 5-12);

1. Describe how public policies are used to address issues of public

concern (Grades 5-12);

1. Recognize and interpret how the “common good” can be strengthened

through various forms of citizen action (Grades 1-12).

## Economics Standards

The social studies program in grades one through twelve should provide for the study of civics, so that the students can:

1. Give examples that show how scarcity and choice govern economic

decisions (Grades 4, 5, 9-12);

1. Distinguish between needs and wants (Grades 1-6);
2. Identify examples of private and public goods and services (Grades 4 -12);
3. Give examples of the various institutions that make up economic systems such as families, workers, banks, labor unions, government agencies, small businesses and large corporations (Grades 3 -12);
4. Describe how society depends upon workers with specialized jobs, and the ways in which they contribute to the production and exchange of goods and services (Grades 4 -12);
5. Describe the influence of incentives, values, traditions, and habits on economic decisions (Grades 2-12);
6. Explain and demonstrate the role of money in everyday life (Grades 1-12);
7. Describe the relationship of price to supply and demand (Grade 3 -12);
8. Use economic concepts such as supply, demand, and price to help explain events in the community and nation (Grades 3 - 12 );
9. Apply knowledge of economic concepts in developing a response to a current local economic issue, such as how to reduce the flow of trash into a rapidly filling landfill (Grades 4, 9-12);
10. Identify and describe examples in which technology has changed the lives of people, such as in homemaking, childcare, work, transportation and communication (Grades 3 -12).

Geography Standards

The social studies program in grades one through twelve should provide for the study of geography, so that the student can:

1. Explore and describe similarities and differences in the way groups, societies, and cultures address similar human needs and concerns (Grades 1-12);
2. Give examples of how experiences may be interpreted differently by people from diverse cultural perspectives and frames of reference (Grades 3-12);
3. Describe ways in which language, stories, folktales, music, and artistic creations serve as expressions of culture and influence behavior of people living in a particular culture (Grades 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9-12);
4. Compare ways in which people from different cultures think about and deal with their physical environment and social conditions (Grades 1-12);
5. Give examples and describe the importance of cultural unity and diversity within and across groups (Grades 1-12);
6. Construct and use mental maps of locales, regions, and the world that demonstrate the understanding of relative location, direction, size and shape (Grades 1-12);
7. Interpret, use and distinguish various representations of the earth, such as maps, globes and photographs (Grades 1-12);
8. Use appropriate resources, data sources and geographic tools such as atlases, databases, grid systems, charts, graphs and maps to generate, manipulate and interpret information (Grades 1-12);
9. Estimate distance and calculate scale (Grades 1,3,5 -12);
10. Locate and distinguish among varying landforms and geographic features, such as mountains, plateaus, islands and oceans (Grades 1-8);
11. Describe and speculate about physical system changes, such as seasons, climate and weather, and the water cycle (Grades 1-12);
12. Describe how people create places that reflect ideas, personality, culture and wants and needs, as they design homes, playgrounds, classrooms etc. (Grades 1-12);
13. Examine the interaction of human beings and their physical environment, the use of land, building of cities, and ecosystem changes in selected locales and regions (Grades 1-12);
14. Explore the ways that the earth’s physical features have changed over time, in the local region and beyond and how these changes may be connected to one another (Grades 1-12);
15. Observe and speculate about social and economic effects of environmental changes and crises resulting from phenomena such as floods, storms and drought (Grades 1,3 -12);
16. Consider existing uses and propose and evaluate alternative uses of resources and land in the home, school, community, region and beyond (Grades 1-12);
17. Describe personal connections to place – especially place as associated with immediate surroundings (Grades 1-12);
18. Describe the unique features of one’s nuclear and extended families (Grades 1-2);
19. Show how learning and physical development affect behavior (Grade 4, 9-12);
20. Identify and describe ways family, groups and community influence the individual’s daily life and personal choices (Grades 1,2,3);
21. Give examples of how government does or does not provide needs and wants for the people, establish order and security, and manage conflict (Grades 4,5, 7-12);
22. Identify and describe factors that contribute to cooperation and cause disputes within and among groups and nations (Grades 5-12);
23. Identify and describe examples in which science and technology have led to changes in the physical environment, such as the building of dams and levees, offshore oil drilling, medicine from rain forests, and loss of rain forests due to extraction of resources or alternative uses (Grades 1 - 12);
24. Describe instances in which changes in values, beliefs and attitudes have resulted from new technological knowledge, such as conservation of resources and awareness of chemicals harmful to life and the environment (Grades 4, 5, 6, 7-12);

1. Explore ways that language, art, music, belief systems, and other cultural elements may facilitate global understanding or lead to misunderstanding (Grade 6, 9-12);
2. Give examples of conflict, cooperation, and interdependence among individuals,

groups, and nations (Grades 4-12);

1. Examine the effects of changing technologies in the global community (Grades 3-12);
2. Explore causes, consequences, and possible solutions to persistent,

contemporary and emerging global issues, such as pollution and endangered species (Grades 4, 5, 7-12);

1. Examine the relationships and tensions between personal wants

and needs and various global concerns, such as use of imported oil,

land use and environmental protection; (Grades 4, 5, 7-12);

1. Investigate concerns, issues, standards, and conflicts related to

universal human rights, such as the treatment of children, religious

groups and effects of war (Grades 4 -12).

# History Standards

The social studies program in grades one through twelve should provide for the study of history, so that the student can:

1. Demonstrate an understanding that all people may describe the same event or situation in diverse ways, citing reasons for the difference in views (Grades 1-12);
2. Demonstrate an ability to use correct vocabulary associated with time such as past, present, future, and long ago; read and construct simple timelines; identify examples of change and recognize examples of cause and effect relationship (Grades 1-12);
3. Compare and contrast different stories or accounts about past events

people, places, or situations, identifying how they contribute to understanding of the past (Grades 1-12);

1. Identify and use various sources for reconstructing the past, such as

documents, letters, diaries, maps, textbooks, photos and others (Grades 1-12);

1. Demonstrate an understanding that people in different times and

places view the world differently (Grades 1-12);

1. Use knowledge of facts and concepts drawn from history, along

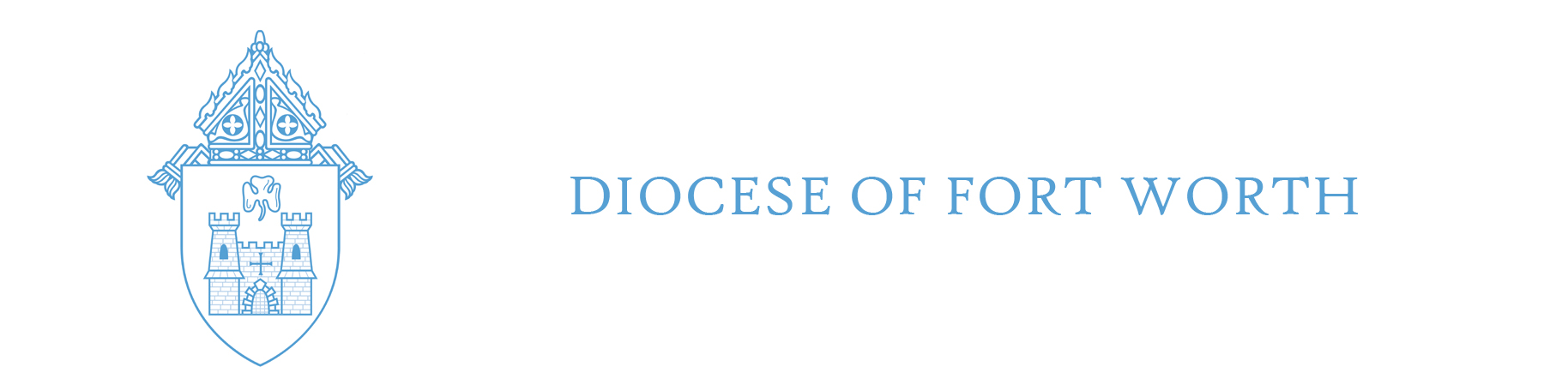
with elements of historical inquiry, to inform decision-making about

and action-taking on public issues (Grades 3,4,5,6);

1. Analyze a particular event and identify reasons why individuals might respond

to it in different ways (Grades 3-12);

1. Give examples of and explain group and institutional influences such as religious beliefs, laws, and peer pressure, regarding people, events and elements of culture (Grade 5 - 12);
2. Identify and describe examples or tensions between and among individuals, groups, or institutions, and how belonging to more than one group can cause internal conflicts (Grades 5-12)
3. Identify and describe examples of tension between an individual’s beliefs and government policies and laws (Grades 5 - 12);
4. Identify how groups and institutions work to meet individual needs and promote the common good; and identify examples of where they fail to do so ( Grades 5, 7-12);
5. Identify and describe factors that contribute to cooperation and cause disputes within and among groups and nations (Grades 5,6, 7-12);
6. Identify and describe examples in which technology has changed the lives of people, such as in homemaking, childcare, work, transportation, and communication; (Grades 2 - 12)



Profile of a High School Graduate

**Person of Faith**

The graduate confidently and actively articulates and practices the teachings of the Catholic faith.

**Moral Decision Maker**

The graduate considers the moral and ethical implications of decisions and chooses to do what is right according to the teachings of the Church.

**Appreciative Person**

The graduate will develop an appreciation for the beauty in the world and the wonder of his body through fine arts and physical activity.

**Culturally Sensitive**

The graduate exhibits global awareness, cultural sensitivity, and supports the Church’s teachings regarding social justice.

**Academically/Technologically Proficient**

The graduate is academically and technologically prepared for higher education or a professional occupation.

**Effective Communicator**

The graduate dialogues objectively and persuasively articulating ideas through various modes of expression and seeks to clarify diverse points of view through active listening.

**Creative Learner & Problem Solver**

The graduate applies creative talents to solve problems and serve others.

**Critical Thinker**

The graduate uses reason in pursuit of truth recognizing that all Truth is rooted in the person of Christ.

**Life-Long Learner**

The graduate engages in the pursuit of knowledge as a life-long activity.

**How to Use This Document**

The *Social Studies Curriculum Standards* is designed to assist the teacher in the important work of helping young people become productive moral citizens able to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good. The information in this document is based on the National Council for the Social Studies publication, *Expectations of Excellence – Curriculum Standards for Social Studies*.   Although that document lists ten areas of social studies, we have combined them in grades 1-6 into four distinct strands: Civics, Economics, Geography and History. The committee relied heavily on the language and concepts of the State of Connecticut’s Social Studies Framework, especially in the secondary section of these curriculum standards. The document contains all of the standards identified by the National Council for the Social Studies, and within them, you will find ample expression of the uniqueness of Catholic education.

**Standards** are the primary instructional targets that outline essential topics and skills that students should know and be able to do by the end of high school. Daily standards-based lesson planning enables educators to align curriculum and instruction with standards, as they have been adapted by this Archdiocese, thereby keeping the goals of our students in mind. The purpose of standards-based curriculum is to empower all students to meet new, challenging standards of education and to “provide them with lifelong education…that equips them to be lifelong learners.” (Fullan, 2006)

The overall ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS listed at the beginning of each strand are restatements of the National Council for the Social Studies’, *Curriculum Standards for Social Studies*. **Student objectives** that follow are bold-faced and lettered; **enabling outcomes** are numbered after the student learning objectives. **Student objectives** are directly aligned with Archdiocesan Standards/Goals. They outline the primary tasks students should be able to perform as a result of instruction of all the numbered activities in the sub-skills listed under enabling outcomes. **Enabling outcomes** are skills taught that will result in mastery of the student objective. Teachers are encouraged to check outcomes as they are taught or assessed as this will drive instruction. In addition, teachers are encouraged to develop outcomes that will best enable students to achieve a measure of mastery of the student objectives. Differentiating instruction plays a paramount role in this determination and in planning *daily learning objectives*.

To the right of the student objectives and enabling outcomes is a column entitled **Assessment/Content Notes** designed for teacher annotations. Teachers are strongly encouraged to make use of this space to record text correlations, relative ease or difficulty of the lesson, connections to other strands or other subject areas, integration of technology, assessment notes, areas of relative strength or weakness based on standardized test information, or comments for the following year. Teachers are encouraged to check outcomes as they are taught or assessed as well, as this will drive instruction**.**

Each grade level curriculum represents a *minimum instructional plan* for the year. It is essential that each social studies teacher become familiar with the objectives for the preceding as well as the following grade, and has a good overall picture of the sequence of instruction throughout the twelve grades. As schools meet in their **professional learning communities,** conversations should be had regarding the use the standards, the Assessment/Content Notes recorded, testing data including formative data, summative data, and standardized test data, to effectively and efficiently inform instructional planning to meet the needs of each student.

Classrooms should incorporate a learning environment that values critical thinking, oral, written, and visual communication, and encourages the active participation of the students in the learning process. Instruction should engage students in the learning process rather than allowing them to be the passive recipients of information.

Careful attention should be paid to the **Assessment** section of the document.  Assessment is a key element of any curriculum whether used as an instructional tool or as a measurement of learning.  Assessment for learning (formative assessment) is a powerful strategy for improving instruction and student achievement. “Assessment for learning…is about obtaining feedback on the teaching and learning and using that feedback to further shape the instructional process and improve learning.” (Fullan, 2006) Good teachers learn which assessment tools best fit the learning outcomes addressed and ensure that a variety of summative assessments are used (performance-based, independent, criterion based) to determine an accurate indication of student achievement.

Journal writing appears throughout this document as an effective learning strategy teachers are encouraged to use. **However, teachers who assign journals must understand that they are responsible for reading entries in a *timely* manner and taking appropriate action if and when students write entries that cause alarm (violent or self-destructive remarks, for example).**

**Writing**

*Writing cannot be underscored enough to stress its importance in the daily activity in each curricular area.*  Every day, in every classroom, students should be writing – individually, in small or whole-class groups, in journals, through emails and other Internet connections, or on electronic devices.  They should be writing research reports, opinions, poetry, conclusions, summaries, prayers, and reflections.  In addition, teaching students to carefully and accurately cite sources for their work beginning in elementary grades, and then emphasizing various bibliography styles such as MLA or APA in middle school grades, is vital to ensure proper research method and technique in high school. A useful source for rubrics across all content areas is: <http://www.tsc.k12.in.us/ci/resource/general/Rubrics_TSC.htm>. Just as it is impossible to imagine a school day without reading, it should be equally impossible to envision a school day without writing.

**Resources**

Throughout the *Standards*, there are suggested online resources or methods. All work online should be carefully monitored by the teacher and/or parent. This includes emails that are part of learning activities and assignments. Students should understand that what they write on the internet will be read by the teacher.

On the resources page you will find a variety of suggestions for teaching and learning. The supplemental materials listed are those suggested by the members of the Social Studies Curriculum Committee and are, by no means, a complete list.  Here again, teachers are encouraged to annotate this list by adding those ideas, books, DVDs, CDs, websites that are most effective in individual classroom learning environment.

A copy of the suggested reading list is available on the Archdiocesan website under Curriculum Resources. Teachers should add their own favorites as well as the Caldecott, Newbury, Coretta Scott King, Nutmeg and other book award winners to this list each year.

Textbooks and anthologies are valuable resources that support instruction to help students meet the objectives of a standards-based curriculum. They should not be used to identify targets of instruction. (O’Shea, 2005) Textbooks must be selected from the Archdiocesan Approved Textbook List. If a school wishes to use a textbook resource not listed on the approved list, kindly contact the Office of Catholic Schools, Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, for endorsement.

**Technology Integration**

The seamless integration of technology and curriculum will enable students and teachers to maximize their ability to access information, enhance problem-solving skills, and develop effective communications. The *Standards* provide many such opportunities which can be incorporated into the teaching and learning processes at all levels. Highlighted areas in this document are intended to focus your attention on *Outcomes* and *Strategies* that are particularly conducive to technology integration. However, there are many other creative means of achieving this goal. Additional resources can be found at the end of this document under Technology Integration Websites and also at <http://adh-ocs.org/07.curriculum/resources2.html> under the heading of *Technology*.

**Cross Curricular Links**

Central to these Standards and to the social studies programs of this Archdiocese is the goal of creating articulate young people of faith, who can read with understanding, think critically and make moral decisions.  Following the standards, is a section entitled **“Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links.”**  This section is designed to help teachers link instruction in social studies to other areas of the curriculum, and, more importantly, with how students live out their faith as expressed in Catholic social teachings.   Some suggestions are included, but this part of the document must also be annotated by the teacher. The connection of social studies to life outside of school is real; it is the perfect vehicle for making Jesus’ Gospel message of peace and justice live and breathe and have its being in our schools, parishes, communities and towns.

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**Assessment**

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**Writing**

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of writing as part of every curriculum area.  Every day in every social studies classroom, students should be writing – individually, in small or whole-class groups, in journals, through emails and other internet connections, on electronic devices.  They should be writing opinions, reactions, summaries, reports, poems, and prayers related to history, geography, civics, and economics. Just as it is impossible to imagine a school day without reading, it should be equally impossible to envision a school day without writing.

**Critical Thinking and Inquiry**

Central to these Standards and to the social studies programs of this Archdiocese is the goal of creating knowledgeable young people of faith, who read with understanding, think critically and make moral decisions.  In the content/note section of all grade level standards, teachers are urged to be conscience of and include critical thinking and inquiry strategies vital for our 21st century learners as they pertain to specific enabling outcomes. As they plan lessons, teachers are asked to consider the following strategies essential to the study of the social sciences:

* Create simple charts and graphs
* Read and interpret picture timelines
* Read a history map
* Identify main idea
* Ask questions about cultures, people and past events
* Conduct a simple investigation
* Use technology to investigate
* Use technology to create maps, charts, and graphs
* Communicate with graphs, maps, and pictures
* Draw conclusions
* Sequence events
* Share and respect points of view
* Differentiate between and use primary and secondary sources
* Take notes
* Use graphic organizers o explain cause and effect and organize information
* Create budgets
* Draw conclusions based on facts
* Summarize ideas and events
* Gather historical data from multiple sources
* Compare and contrast periods of history through different points of view
* Identify propaganda techniques
* Make predictions based on collected data

**Cross Curricular Links**

At the conclusion of each grade level, you will find a section entitled “Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links.”   This section is designed to help you link instruction in social studies to other areas of the curriculum and, more importantly, to the living out of faith as expressed in Catholic social teachings.   Again, we have included some suggestions, but this part of the document must also be annotated by you. The connection of social studies to life outside of school is so real, it is an excellent vehicle for making Jesus’ Gospel message of peace and justice live and breathe and have its being in our schools, parishes and towns.

**ASSESSMENT**

*Assessment is a means of measuring performance. It illustrates how well we are accomplishing our stated mission, goals, and objectives to educate and form the whole person. Through an integrated system of standards and of multiple forms of evaluation, assessment measures:*

* *beliefs, attitudes and behaviors, which are expressions of our Catholic identity;*
* *content knowledge*
* *student achievement (individual and group) ; and the*
* *learning and teaching environment*

*(NCEA’S Statement on Accountability and Assessment in Catholic Education)*

Assessments of students should match the learning outcome or goal. In all classrooms, a variety of assessments, both objective and subjective, should be used to enhance learning and measure progress. Assessments are both instructional tools for students while they are learning and accountability tools to determine if learning has occurred. These assessments should include, but are not limited to:

Summative assessments are *MILEPOSTS* while formative assessments are *CHECKPOINTS.*

*Milepost/Summative assessments* are designed initially by a teacher for each course and reflects where you want your students to be at end of unit. It is a measure OF learning designed to determine degree of mastery of each student…it judges the success of the process/product at the end.

*Checkpoint/Formative assessments* are designed to prepare students for the milepost assessment; they direct instruction and ensure students have the appropriate practice opportunities before the summative assessment. They are stops along the way. Results are used to direct instruction and/or to plan corrective activities.

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|  | **FORMATIVE** | **SUMMATIVE** |
| **PURPOSE** | To monitor and guide process/product while still in progress | To judge the success of process/product at the end (however arbitrarily defined) |
| **TIME OF ASSESSMENT** | During the process or development of the product | At the end of the process or when the product is completed |
| **TYPES OF ASSESSMENT** | Informal observation, quizzes, homework, teacher questions, worksheets | Formal observation, tests, projects, term papers, exhibitions |
| **USE OF ASSESSMENT INFORMATION** | To improve or change a process/product while it is still going on or being developed | Judge the quality of a process/product; grade, rank, promote |

**FORMS OF ASSESSMENT:**

**Criterion Referenced (CRA):**

**(Paper/Pencil Tests/Quizzes)**

* + Multiple Choice
  + Matching Items
  + Completion Items
  + Short Answer
  + Essay Style
  + Visual Representation
  + Standardized Tests (*ITBS/CogAT –*Grades 2-7)
  + Teacher/text created tests (Written or oral)
  + Fluency tests
  + Teacher or text generated check lists of skills

**Performance Assessment (PA):**

Student formal and informal presentations **across the curriculum using rubrics, checklists, rating scales, anecdotal records:**

* + Recitations, reading, retellings, speeches, debates, discussions, video or audio performances
  + Written work across the curriculum
  + Cooperative group work (students are assessed individually, never as a group)
  + Story, play, poem, paragraph(s), essay, research paper
  + Spelling bees
  + Poetry recitals
  + Oratorical Competitions
  + Classroom performance/demonstration (live or taped)
  + Parent/Teacher/Student conferences
  + Presentations (live or taped)
  + Oral, dance, visual (photos or video)
  + Seminars
  + Projects
  + Anecdotal records
  + Application of Standard English in daily written and oral work across the curriculum (*including notebooks, journals, blogs, responses to questions*)
  + Teacher observation of student activities across the curriculum
  + Oral reading
  + Informal and formal inventories
  + Daily work
  + Student spelling in written work
  + Notebook checks
  + Running records
  + Application of skills across the curriculum
  + \*Portfolios

**\*All schools are required keep portfolios of student writing**. Each year there should be a minimum of two pieces of original writing included in the portfolio. The writing may be from any area of curriculum (religion, math, social studies, science, etc.), but **must be accompanied by the rubric used to evaluate the writing.**

**Independent (IA):**

* Teacher observation
* Teacher-student conference
* Student self-correction and reflection on learning and performance
* Student self-assessment of goals
* On-line programs that allow students to self-assess
* Instructional questions
* Questionnaires
* Response Journals
* Learning Logs
* Oral tests/exams

**STANDARD-BASED LESSON PLANS**:

Loyola Chicago Model for Elementary and Middle School Lesson Planner  
Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Week of: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Subject: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Standard: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Est. Timeframe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



**The following template was created by Judy Garneau from St. Mary Magdalene School, Oakville, CT.**

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| Monday | Objective:  Plan:  Homework: | Summative  **CRA**  **PA**  **IA** | Formative |
| Tuesday | Objective:  Plan:  Homework: | Summative  **CRA**  **PA**  **IA** | Formative |
| Wednesday | Objective:  Plan:  Homework: | Summative  **CRA**  **PA**  **IA** | Formative |
| Thursday | Objective:  Plan:  Homework: | Summative  **CRA**  **PA**  **IA** | Formative |
| Friday | Objective:  Plan:  Homework: | Summative  **CRA**  **PA**  **IA** | Formative |



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|  | **Objective / Enabling Outcomes** | **Assessment/Evidence** |

**GRADE ONE**

**CIVICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of local civic, home, parish and school communities the student will:   1. Understand the importance of respecting others 2. Understand the reason for rules 3. Understand good citizenship: treating people as equals, taking responsibility for own actions 4. Understand the rights, freedoms, and responsibilities of citizens 5. Understand the election process 6. Develop respect for self and others 7. Understand the purpose of government 8. Understand the structure of government 9. Understand the functions and types of government 10. Understand social groups and institutions 11. Recognize the interdependency of people 12. Appreciate that each region of the world produces its own culture 13. Demonstrate respect for all people |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To recognize the importance of rules, obey rules, and behave in ways that reflect respect for self and others.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** why and how people make rules and laws of home, school, parish, and community 2. **Explain** why it is important to obey those rules 3. **Tell** why it is important to respect others 4. **Practice** courteous behavior 5. **Obey** safety rules: crossing street, fire drills, emergency/lock down, bus safety, cafeteria safety |  |
| **B. To explain what it means to be a citizen of the United States and recognize and respect patriotic symbols.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Name** a right of a citizen 2. **Name** responsibilities of citizens 3. **Recognize** symbols that honor and foster patriotism in the United States including, but not limited to:    1. American flag    2. Bald eagle    3. Washington Monument,    4. Statue of Liberty    5. White House    6. Liberty Bell 4. **Recite** the Pledge of Allegiance 5. **Practice** flag etiquette |  |
| **C. To identify basic functions of government and local and national leaders.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** what an election is 2. **Recognize** some government leaders throughout history (Washington, Franklin, Lincoln) 3. **Name** the governor of Connecticut and the President of the United States 4. **Describe** the work of a Mayor, Governor   and the President |  |
| 1. **D. To recognize that their communities are made up of many**   **different cultures and that people depend on one another.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Name** some of the different cultures that make up the local community 2. **Identify** ways people depend on one another |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| * TE of the Social Studies program used in the school (Check publisher websites and Teacher Resource material for additional materials) * Children’s Literature like The Saturday Escapeby Daniel J. Mahoney * Children’s magazines like Weekly Reader * Publishers Websites   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE ONE**

**ECONOMICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of local civic, home, parish, and school communities the student will:   1. Understand resources 2. Understand markets and price (buying and selling) 3. Understand economic patterns and systems (money) |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe resources, how and why people buy and sell, and the function of money.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Define** and **distinguish** between goods and services and needs and wants 2. **Give** examples of goods and services at school 3. **Define** buy, trade and save 4. **Compare** bartering to using money 5. **List** reasons to save money (i.e., to make future purchases) 6. **Use** a chart to compare prices of a particular good or service |  |

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| [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)  Books such as:   * Stone Soup(retold by a variety of authors) * Play money * Classroom store * Computer software & Publishers Websites: |

**GRADE ONE**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of local civic, home, parish, and school communities the student will:   1. Understand the concept of location 2. Understand the concept of place 3. Understand human-environment interactions 4. Understand the concept of movement 5. Understand the concept of region |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** | |
| **A. To describe location, place, and the region in which they live.** | |  | |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** size; use the terms big and small appropriately 2. **Identify** distance using near and far 3. **Know** where they live and study 4. **Use** words associated with direction:   up/down, over/under, here/there, front/back, left/right, near/far | |  | |
| **B. To identify geographic features of the world.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Locate** the seven continents and four   oceans   1. **Compare and contrast** land and water (chart, table, etc.) 2. **Locate** the U.S.A. and Connecticut on a map or globe | |  | |
| 1. **To describe how human beings take care of their environment.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **List** simple ways in which human beings have changed their environment 2. **Identify** natural resources people use in their everyday lives 3. **List** ways in which human beings should care for their environment | |  | |
| **D. To describe how weather affects humans.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** characteristics of weather 2. **Explain** how seasons and weather affect how people live | |  | |
| **E. To visualize, create, read and interpret simple maps.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Trace** a simple route 2. **Compare** and **contrast** cities and suburbs (charts, tables, etc. 3. **Recognize** that maps, globes and models represent real places 4. **Construct** simple maps 5. **Identify** cardinal directions 6. **Recognize** map symbols | |  | |
| **F. To recognize that different cultures live, celebrate, and interact with one another in different ways.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the roles of family members 2. **Name** things children learn from their families 3. **Describe** family celebrations 4. **Compare and contrast** one culture from another region of the world with USA (holiday, birthday or other celebrations from around the world) (chart, table, essay, etc.) | |  | |
| RESOURCES | | |
| * Maps, atlases, geographical software * Books, songs, poems, etc. that celebrate different world regions and cultures * Weekly Reader * Scholastic * Find the Prize byCatherine Podogil | * Publishers Websites   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) | |

**GRADE ONE**

**HISTORY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of local civic, home, parish, and school communities the student will:   1. Understand the concepts of time and chronology 2. Distinguish between the past and the present 3. Understand human influence in shaping communities, states and nations 4. Understand the origin and significance of customs, holidays, celebrations, and landmarks in the community 5. Understand how human needs, ideas, issues and events influence past and present 6. Understand that the past influences the present 7. Compare and contrast the past and the present |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To develop a sense of human history.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** the terms past, present, and future and appropriately apply them to their experiences in oral and written expression 2. **Explain** how one learns about the past (Primary sources-both physical and Internet 3. **Identify** American Indian groups 4. **Describe** a contribution to modern culture made by Native Americans 5. **Identify** significant local celebrations (festivals, fairs parades) and landmarks (town halls, parks, etc.) |  |

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| **RESOURCES** | |
| Books such as:   * The River by Debby Atwell * Transportation Then and Now   by Robin Nelson | Publishers Websites:[www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**STRATEGIES-Grade One**

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| **Suggested Teaching Strategies** | **Suggested Learning Strategies** |
| **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Uses words associated with social studies concepts in a variety of situation:   Geography- North, south, east, west  History- Past, present, future  Economics- Savings, goods  Civics- Laws, rules  **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Allows students to create classroom rules for   the common good   * Keeps a bank (rice bowl) in the classroom for collecting money for charity   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Student Directed**  Students:   * Work together to create simple maps * Dramatize lives of famous Americans or   historical events   * Create murals of historical event * Plan a thanksgiving meal   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Independent**  Students:   * Talk with parents and grandparents about   family history |

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| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links**  **Grade One** |
| * First graders celebrate multicultural and religious holidays and learn to celebrate diversity and respect the inherent dignity of the human person. (Religion, Civics) * Students learn about the life of Jesus and develop a sense of sequence. (Religion, History) |

**Notes:**

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**Text/Resources:**

**GRADE TWO**

**CIVICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities of the United States (local, state, and national) the student will:   1. Understand good citizenship: 2. Appreciation of rights and responsibilities of individuals within the classroom, the    * 1. community, the nation 3. Understand democratic principles (Equality of human rights; understanding of the responsibilities and freedoms of a democracy) 4. Understand social groups and institutions: 5. Appreciate the family as the basic social unit 6. Appreciate the United States of America as a land of diversity 7. Appreciate the value of tolerance, cooperation and working together 8. Recognize the ways different groups celebrate their heritage 9. Understand the history of the local community 10. Understand the purpose of government 11. Understand the structure of government (mayor, first selectman, governor, president, vice president) 12. Understand the functions of types of government (city, state, national) 13. Understand the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of citizens 14. Understand the difference between cities and towns 15. Understand the United States as a world power |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| A. To recognize the importance of rules. They will obey rules and behave in ways that reflect respect for self, others and the principles of good citizenship. |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** why rules are important 2. **List** consequences of violating rules 3. **Describe** how working out problems with others is good citizenship 4. **Give** examples of what it means to be a good citizen 5. **List** rights and responsibilities of individuals within the classroom 6. **Identify** key figures in early American history 7. **Explain** the importance of elections and when they take place |  |
| **B. To begin to examine the structure of social groups and institutions.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **List** members of their family 2. **Explain** why the family is the basic social unit 3. **Identify** family customs 4. **Identify** groups most people belong to 5. **Describe** the role of a leader in a group |  |
| **C. To recognize the diversity of American culture.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** contributions of various cultures to American life 2. **Find** evidence of other cultures in literature and art 3. **List** ways to show tolerance and respect for other cultures and their celebrations |  |
| **D. To describe the structure and functions of local and national government.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Summarize** important local historical   events   1. **Identify** the levels of government under which Americans live 2. **List** purpose, structure and functions of government 3. **Describe** what taxes are and their purpose 4. **List** government services 5. **Identify** the characteristics of a good community leader 6. **Identify** the duties of community leaders 7. **Explain** why governments make laws 8. **Describe** how judges, police and others help with laws 9. **Explain** in simple terms the origin and purpose of the Constitution 10. **List** some of the basic American principles 11. **Describe** in simple terms the three divisions of U.S. government 12. **Explain** the importance of American symbols and landmarks 13. **Explain** the difference between a right and a responsibility 14. **Explain** why citizens should carry out their responsibilities |  |
| **E. To describe the difference between and among cities, towns and suburbs.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare and contrast** cities and towns (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Explain** the relationships between cities and suburbs |  |
| **F. To describe the U.S. role in the world.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** ways in which world leaders   interact with the U.S.   1. **Identify** world events that affect the U.S. |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
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**GRADE TWO**

**ECONOMICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of local communities or neighborhoods the student will:   1. Understand how the scarcity of resources leads to economic choices (Choices about resources related to wants and needs) 2. Understand markets and prices 3. Understand economic patterns and systems |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe free enterprise in simple terms.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** the different ways in which goods and services are distributed and its effect on the development of civilizations in the Age of Exploration and throughout American history 2. **Describe** the importance of working together in communities 3. **Identify** goods and services, wants and needs 4. **Identify** costs and the benefits of an economic choice 5. **Define** consumer and producer 6. **Follow** the path of a raw material to the finished product: For example, Corn → Cornflakes 7. **Contrast** human, natural, and capital resources 8. **Explain** scarcity 9. **Explain** bartering 10. **Explain** how people, businesses and countries trade for goods 11. **Identify** different working environments, office, construction, farm, factory, community/service, volunteer and home 12. **Identify** different skills needed for specific jobs 13. **Describe** how people make spending and saving choices 14. **Describe** the purpose of banks 15. **List** reasons for saving money 16. **Compare** and **contrast** needs and wants (chart, table, essay, etc.) 17. **List** ways to share resources with the underprivileged 18. **Use** money with some understanding of value 19. **Make** choices about how to spend money wisely 20. **Save** money and **conserve** resources |  |

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| RESOURCES |
| Books such as:   * From Maple Tree to Syrup Stacey Taus-Bolstad * Farmers’ Market Paul Johnson * MoneyMargaret Hall * Sweet Potato PieKathleen D. Lindsey * The Bakery Lady Pat Mora   Videos and DVD’s, such as:   * *The Paper Boy* * *Piggybanks to Money Markets*  (Media Basics) * *Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday* (based on the book by Judith Viorst)     Publishers Websites:  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE TWO**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of local communities or neighborhoods the student will:   1. Understand the concept of location 2. Understand the concept of place 3. Understand human-environment interactions 4. Understand the concept of movement 5. Understand the concept of region |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| A. To identify geographic features and places. |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify**:  * Rivers, valleys, plain, mountains, hills, lakes, peninsula, island * Seven continents, North and South Poles * Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, and Arctic Oceans  1. **Locate** visual representations of global address: community, state, country, continent, world 2. **Identify** the poles, hemispheres and equator on a map or globe |  |
| **B. To describe how weather and climate affect humans.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** the difference between climate and weather 2. **Compare** places with different climates 3. **Describe** how climate affects how people live |  |
| **C. To explain how the movement of people affects geography.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** intermediate directions 2. **Describe** how the states grew across the country |  |
| **D. To define region and describe a variety of types of regions.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** land form regions 2. **Explain** plant regions |  |
| **E. To define and identify resources and apply Catholic social teaching to practices of conservation.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Contrast** natural and synthetic resources, such as man-made rubber and rubber trees and renewable (trees, water, etc.) and nonrenewable resources (coal, natural gas, etc.) 2. **Describe** what happens to the environment   when people use natural  resources to meet their needs and wants   1. **List** ways in which he/she can be a steward of God’s creation |  |
| **F. To explain how living in a particular environment and/or community affects behavior and experiences.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **List** ways in which living in particular communities or neighborhoods affects the daily life experiences and decisions of people |  |
| **G. To visualize, create, read and interpret simple maps.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Create** and **read** simple maps with title, compass rose, legend, and simple scale 2. **Identify** the capital of the Connecticut |  |

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| RESOURCES |
| Teacher Edition of the social studies program used in the school  Books and CDs such as:   * Land and Waterby Catherine Podogil * Tulip Sees America by Cynthia Rylant * Around the World: Clothing by Margaret Hall * **CDs:** *Neighborhood MapMachine 2.0* Tom Snyder Productions   Publishers Websites:  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) |

**GRADE TWO**

**HISTORY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities of the United States (local, state and national); the student will:   1. Understand human influences in shaping communities, states and nations 2. Understand the origin and significance of customs, holidays, celebrations and landmarks in the community 3. Understand the concepts of time and chronology 4. Understand how human needs, ideas, issues and events influence past and present 5. Understand the things change over time |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To identify and explain how the U.S. was influenced by Native Americans/American Indians, European explorers, and early settlers and citizens.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **List** contributions of Native Americans, European Explorers, English Pilgrims, American Pioneers 2. **Compare** and **contrast** different Native American tribes 3. **Describe** Columbus’s journeys and their importance 4. **Describe** the life of settlers in Jamestown and in Plymouth 5. **Compare** Jamestown and Plymouth 6. **Explain** in simple terms why the colonies wanted independence from Great Britain 7. **Identify** some important people from the   struggle for independence   1. **Identify** a variety of important historical figures (For example, Sitting Bull, Jackie Robinson, etc.) 2. **Identify** celebrations of significant historical events 3. **Identify** the first 13 states 4. **Identify** on a calendar  * The Fourth of July * Earth Day * Election Day * Thanksgiving |  |
| **B. To develop a sense of time, chronology and sequence.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** the terms past, present, and future; before, after, next and appropriately apply them to their experiences in oral and written expression 2. **Create** a time line putting events in chronological order 3. **Explain** that history is a story of the past and the people who lived before us |  |
| **C. To explain how advances in technology and communication have changed the way people live.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** changes in communication, technology and transportation over the past 150 years. 2. **Describe** how technology has changed lives of Americans |  |

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| RESOURCES |
| Magazines and books such as:   * Weekly Reader * Mailbox * Happy Birthday, America by Mary Hope Osborne * Brother Eagle, Sister Skyby Susan Jeffers * Knots on a Counting Ropeby John Archambault   Publishers Websites:  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**STRATEGIES – Grade Two**

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| Suggested Teaching Strategies | Suggested Learning Strategies |
| **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Uses words associated with social studies concepts in a variety of situation:   + - North, south, etc. – Geography     - Past, present, future– History     - Savings, goods, - Economics     - Laws, rules - Civics     **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Allows students to create classroom rules for the common good * Keeps a bank (rice bowl) in the classroom to collect money for charity * Encourages students to plan celebrations of national holidays   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Student Directed**  Students:   * Work together to create simple maps and timelines * Dramatize lives of famous Americans or historical events * Create murals of historical event * Plan a thanksgiving meal, including establishing a budget for the meal * Plan a Thanksgiving/Veterans Day/Memorial Day prayer celebration * Participate in class meetings   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Independent**  Students:   * Talk with parents and grandparents about family history, elections, political leaders and budgets   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links**  **Grade Two** |
| * Preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation, students will talk about admitting mistakes and apologizing to one another as part of resolving conflicts and creating harmony. (Religion, Civics) * Students will create posters or pictures describing different cultural holidays. (Art, Civics) * As they learn about how Native Americans respected and cared for the earth, students will create prayers and poems that celebrate their roles as guardians of God’s creation. (History, Science, Religion) |

**Notes:**

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**GRADE THREE**

**CIVICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities of the United States, the student will:   1. Grow in understanding the importance of good citizenship:    1. Working for the common good    2. Treating all peoples as equals    3. Understanding various customs and celebrations 2. Understand social groups and institutions:    1. Similarities among diverse groups    2. Contributions of diverse groups 3. Understand democratic principles:    1. Due process and equal protection under the law. 4. Understand the purposes of government:    1. Promotion of the common good    2. Protection of individual rights and freedoms 5. Understand the structure of government:    1. Purposes of rules and laws    2. Branches of government    3. Levels of government 6. Understand the functions and types of governments:    1. Making, amending and removing laws    2. Enforcing laws 7. Understand the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of citizens:    1. Individual, economic, and political freedoms    2. Rights – free speech, free religion, etc. |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To demonstrate an understanding of citizenship – responsibilities, rights and freedoms.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how people improve their communities:    * Town meetings    * Public debates 2. **Describe** the characteristics of effective citizenship:    * Voting    * Obeying laws    * Paying taxes 3. **Identify** and practice good citizenship traits:    * Trust    * Respect    * Honesty    * Responsibility    * Fairness    * Tolerance    * Compassion |  |
| **B. To explain how the celebration of national holidays contributes to a sense of common history and patriotism.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the historical significance of  * Thanksgiving * Presidents Day * Memorial Day * Fourth of July * Labor Day * Columbus Day * Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  1. **Identify** the historical significance of  * Thanksgiving * Presidents Day * Memorial Day * Fourth of July * Labor Day * Columbus Day * Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |  |
| **C. To recognize that different cultures live, celebrate, and interact with one another in different ways.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** and **contrast** the ways various groups celebrate holidays (charts, tables, etc.) 2. **Compare** and **contrast** the way the different cultures interpret events and experiences (Schools in colonial time vs. today; immigrants from Europe in the U.S. vs. immigrants from Europe in South America) (chart, table, essay, etc.) 3. **Identify** the contributions of various groups to the growth of the United States:  * American Indians * European Americans * Asian Americans * Latino Americans * African Americans * Women |  |
| 1. **To describe the function of laws.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** how laws protect us (the function of police) 2. **Describe** how local government promotes order and security:    1. Makes laws    2. Settles disputes    3. Provides public services 3. **Describe** in simple terms how courts work |  |
| **E. To analyze how government promotes the common good and protects individual rights and freedoms.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** **and contrast** the role of governor or mayor with the legislature or board of alderman (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Identify** local leaders 3. **Identify** President and state senators and congressmen 4. **Identify** locations of local government buildings and **describe** the functions of government that are carried out there 5. **Identify** the goods and services provided by local government, why people need them, and the source of funding (taxation) 6. **List and give examples** demonstrating the freedoms secured in the Bill of Rights 7. **Compare and contrast** the political freedoms of Americans with other countries (chart, table, essay, etc.) |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| * Text and supplemental materials chosen from the *Approved Programs and Texts* list * Age-appropriate library books, such as My Grandma’s the Mayor by Marjorie White Pellegrino and So You Want to Be President by Judith St. George * Newspaper and magazine articles about people (especially young people) who have made an impact on their communities. * Class meetings * Newspapers, classroom and online current events magazines, globes, gazetteers * Text supported website * Student journals * Publishers Websites   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE THREE**

**ECONOMICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities of the United States, the student will:   1. Understand how the scarcity of resources leads to economic choice 2. Understand economic patterns and systems:    1. Free enterprise and entrepreneurship |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe and apply the principle of supply and demand.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** and **compare** human needs and wants 2. **Categorize** economic activities as examples of production and consumption 3. **Identify** people who purchase goods and services as consumers; people who make goods or provide services as producers 4. **Explain** how most people both produce and consume |  |
| **B. To describe economic patterns and systems, free enterprise and entrepreneurship.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** markets and price 2. **Explain** how assembly lines use   specialization and division of labor to produce items more quickly   1. **Identify** different forms of money used over time 2. **Describe** how money is used for saving and purchasing goods and services. 3. **Describe** the principle of supply and demand 4. **Explain** and give examples of competition in the local economy 5. **Define** interdependence, imports, exports, and trade 6. **Create** a simple budget for a purchase 7. **Keep** a simple bank account 8. **Save** for something they need or want |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text, text related technological support, math manipulatives (money), games, software educational websites  Books such as:   * Homer Price by Robert McCloskey * Round and Round the Money Goes by Melvin Berger, * Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday by Judith Viorst * A Basket of Banglesby Ginger Howard * Follow the Moneyby Loreen Leedy   Videos/DVDs like:   * *If You Made a Million* by David Schwartz * *Learning About Money,* Rainbow Education * *Understanding Economics,* Rainbow Education   Publishers Websites:  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) |

**GRADE THREE**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities of the United States, the student will:   1. Understand the concept of location 2. Understand the concept of place 3. Understand human-environment interaction 4. Understand the concept of movement 5. Understand the concept of region |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe locations.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** the differences between relative and exact locations 2. **Use** cardinal and intermediate directions to describe the relative location of places |  |
| **B. To explain how humans interact with their environments.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** and **explain** how the following affect and have been modified by the local community:    1. Landforms    2. Bodies of water    3. Vegetation    4. Animal life    5. Climate    6. Weather 2. **Identify** natural resources and how people use them 3. **Explain** how and why humans adapt and modify their environments 4. **Explain** colonization, immigration, and settlement patterns 5. **Identify** the physical characteristics affecting trade and human activities 6. **Hypothesize** about social and economic effects of environmental changes and crises resulting from phenomena such as floods, storms, and drought 7. **Identify** the modes of transportation and communication used to move people, products, and ideas from place to place 8. **Use** maps, globes, newspapers, and charts to identify physical, political, demographic and economic characteristics of regions 9. **Compare** and **contrast** different regions of the world 10. **Describe** the characteristics of an urban, suburban and rural community 11. **Compare and contrast** urban, suburban, and rural communities 12. **Describe** ways in which communities affect the choices individuals make 13. **Describe** how technology has changed local and global communities (chart, table, essay, etc.) |  |
| **C. To a variety of geographic tools.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** a variety of geographic tools to collect analyze and interpret information 2. **Use** a number/letter grid system to locate physical and human features on a map 3. **Locate** the Equator, Arctic Circle, Antarctic, Circle, North Pole, South Pole and Prime Meridian on maps and globes 4. **Use** map title, map key, direction indicator, and symbols for human features (buildings, roads) to answer questions about the local community 5. **Draw** simples maps of continents and oceans 6. **Locate** specific places on a map or globe 7. **Visualize** locations |  |

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| **RESOURCES** | |
| * Maps, globes, atlases, gazetteers, videos, CDs * Rubrics for projects and writing assignments * Appropriate children’s literature (i.e., If the World Were a Villageby David Smith) | * Publishers Websites   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE THREE**

**HISTORY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities of the United States, the student will:   1. Understand human influence in shaping communities, states, and nations 2. Understand the origin and significance of customs, holidays, celebrations, and landmarks in the community 3. Understand the concepts of time and chronology 4. Understand the relationship of cause and effect in historical events |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe the shaping of communities, states, and nations.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** changes in communities over time including changes in goods and services, architecture, landscape and technology |  |
| **B. To explain how people, places and ideas change over time.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Gather** information about changes over time by reading line graphs and timelines 2. **Describe** the settlement patterns of various cultural groups within communities of the U.S. 3. **Compare** and **contrast** the perspectives, practices and cultural products of diverse groups who have lived in various communities at different times (chart, table, essay, etc.) 4. **Describe** the effect inventions, discoveries, or events have had on life today (Reaper, Salk Vaccine, camera, September 11, 2001) |  |
| **C. To describe and order time.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Define** and measure time by years, decades, and centuries 2. **Sequence** historical events by placing a series of events in the proper order on a time line |  |

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| RESOURCES |
| * Text chosen from the *Approved Programs and Text List,* text technology support, websites * Biographies of influential people in history, local museums, virtual museums * Age appropriate literature like Visiting a Village*,* Jobs People Do*,*   As the Crow Flies  Publishers Websites: [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com), [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com), [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com), [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)   * Magazines such as: Weekly Reader or Mailbox |

**STRATEGIES – Grade Three**

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| **Suggested Teaching Strategies** | **Suggested Learning Strategies** |
| **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Talks about current events with students * Relates current events to areas and concepts studied   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Sets up mock elections and a simple system of classroom government * Displays primary sources * Plans virtual and actual field trips to places of historical, civic, economic or geographic significance   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Student Directed**  Students:   * Works in cooperative groups to “invent’ machines or materials that address an economic need * Researches local and historical political leaders * Works individually and in groups to create graphs, charts, or diagrams that compare costs of particular goods; compare and contrast local leaders; compare and contrast different cultures within a region   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Independent**  Students:   * Develop the habit of reading news sources (text or electronic) regularly.   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links**  **Grade Three** | | |
| * Students will identify characters in literature that demonstrate tolerance and compassion. (Religion, Language Arts, Civics ) * During class meetings, students will listen to the opinions of others with respect. (Religion, Language Arts, Civics) * Students will create budgets that reflect the principles of stewardship and allow for sharing resources with needy. (Math, Religion, Economics) | | |

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**GRADE FOUR**

**CIVICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a study of the regions of the United States, the student will:   1. Understand the importance of good citizenship 2. Understand democratic principles 3. Understand social groups and institutions 4. Understand the purposes of government 5. Understand the structure of government 6. Understand the functions and types of governments 7. Understands the rights, freedoms and responsibilities of citizens |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe the purposes and functions of local, state, and federal government.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** why people pay taxes 2. **Name** the three parts of state government and explain the functions of each 3. **Identify** three services provided by the state (Dept. of Public Safety, Motor Vehicles, DCF) |  |
| **B. To describe and apply democratic principles and the rights and responsibilities of good citizens.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the rights and responsibilities of American citizens 2. **Identify** the people and events that help create and preserve equality of all people 3. **Describe** how people use public forums to improve their communities:    * Town meetings    * Public debates |  |
| **C. To analyze how government promotes the common good and protects individual rights and freedoms.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how state governments work for the common good 2. **Describe** how the Bill of Rights protects individual freedoms 3. **Describe** what equality before the law means 4. **Compare** and **contrast** the functions of local government with those of the federal government (i.e., making, amending, removing, and enforcing laws) (chart, table, essay, etc.) 5. **Describe** ways the Texas state government meets or fails to meet the needs and wants of its citizens 6. **Describe** Texas state government 7. **Identify** local state legislative representatives 8. **Identify** Texas congressional representatives 9. **Distinguish** between the three branches of government 10. **Explain** the purpose of rules and laws 11. **Describe** formal and informal factors that contribute to the development of public policy (election of a president, reactions to environmental hazards, September 11, 2001) |  |
| **D. To recognize that in the U.S., (in the state of Texas, and in their communities) various cultures celebrate and interact with one another in different ways, which influence American government and culture.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the origins of ethnic diversity in American history 2. **List** the contributions of diverse ethnic groups of the U.S. |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| * Text chosen from the *Approved Programs and Text*  list and text tech support * Classroom library selections, such as:   + I Have a Dreamby Martin Luther King, Jr.   + National Symbols Series by Debra Hess   + The Voice of the People: American Democracy in *Action* by Betsy Maestro * Children’s current events magazines like Junior Scholastic * Publishers Websites   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE FOUR**

**ECONOMICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| The student will:   1. Understand how the scarcity of resources leads to economic choice 2. Understand markets and price 3. Understand economic patterns and systems 4. Apply Catholic social teaching to economic problems |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe how scarcity of resources leads to economic choice.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** and **compare** human needs and wants 2. **Explain** what causes scarcity 3. **Categorize** economic activities as examples of production and consumption 4. **Describe** the principle of supply and demand |  |
| **B. To describe economic patterns and systems, free enterprise and entrepreneurship.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the three questions of all economic systems:  * What is produced? * How it is produced? * For whom is it produced?  1. **Identify** people who purchase goods and services as consumers; people who make goods or provide services as producers 2. **Define** market economy (Businesses produce what consumers want) 3. **Compare** and **contrast** money and barter (chart, table, essay, etc.) 4. **Identify** and **describe** factors of production (labor, capital, land and entrepreneurship) 5. **Explain** private ownership 6. **Explain** the connection between work and money earned 7. **Compare** and **contrast** skilled and unskilled workers (chart, table, essay, etc.) 8. **Explain** how a product is produced 9. **Explain** how most people both produce and consume 10. **Explain** markets and price 11. **Explain** how assembly lines use specialization and division of labor to produce items more quickly 12. **Identify** different forms of money used over time 13. **Describe** how money is used for saving and purchasing goods and services 14. **Explain** taxes and how they are used 15. **Explain** and give examples of competition in the local economy |  |
| **C. To describe the effects of global trade.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Define** interdependence, imports, exports, and trade 2. **Make** choices about purchasing one good or service over another and **explain** the   choice (where it is made, cost, etc)   1. **Explain** in an age-appropriate way what makes some countries richer than others 2. **Describe** how Catholics should respond to injustice and inequalities among peoples and nations 3. **Give examples** and **compare** human, natural, and capital resources 4. **Give** examples of ways in which people conserve resources 5. **Identify** the natural resources of the regions of the U.S. 6. **Explain** in simple terms the importance of free enterprise in the U.S. 7. **Name** some benefits of international trade (Creation of interdependence of nations) 8. **Name** some exports and imports of the U.S. 9. **Identify** major trading partners of the U.S. 10. **Identify** the locations of various economic activities and describe how physical and human factors influence them (cities near bodies of water, submarine base in Groton) 11. **Describe** how technology has changed local and global communities 12. **Identify** current global economic problems and **suggest** possible causes and solutions |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text and text resources  Online resources  Books such as:   * Mill David Macauley * Ice Cream Cones for SalebyElaine Greenstein * Grandma and Me at the FleabyJuan Felipe Herrera   Newspapers, catalogs and advertisements  Publishers Websites:  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) |

**GRADE FOUR**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a study of the regions of the United States and the study of the state of Texas, the student will:   1. Understand the five themes of Geography:    1. Location    2. Place    3. Human/Environment Interaction    4. Movement    5. Regions 2. Understand the geography of the State of Texas 3. Understand and use geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret information |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe locations and regions.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Distinguish** between absolute and relative locations 2. **Compare** and **contrast** physical and man-made features of regions (chart, table, essay, etc.) 3. **Identify** and **compare** and **contrast** the physical, demographic, and economic characteristics of regions of the United States (chart, table, essay, etc.) |  |
| 1. **To visualize, create, read, and interpret maps.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** lines of latitude and longitude to identify absolute locations on a map |  |
| **C. To explain how humans interact with their environment.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Analyze** the ways humans have affected their environment and ecosystems in both positive and negative ways 2. **Describe** reasons for movement from one region of the U.S. to another (past and present) 3. **Trace** the communication of ideas and the movement of goods from one region to another 4. **Describe** the ways in which technology and science have changed the way Americans in all regions look at natural resources |  |
| **D. To identify resources and apply Catholic social teaching to the use of resources.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Distinguish** between renewable and nonrenewable resources 2. **Describe** ways he/she can be stewards of God’s creation 3. **Describe** uses of resources and land in home, school, and community in different regions of the U.S. 4. **Describe** how learning about the fragility of our environment and ecosystem should change human behavior 5. **Propose** alternative uses of land and resources 6. **Describe** ways in which the regions of the   United States are dependent on one another   1. **Describe** the conflicts between and among groups and regions in the use of natural resources 2. **Identify** and the physical, demographic, and economic characteristics of regions of the United States |  |
| **E. To describe the geography of the state of Texas** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the physical, demographic and economic characteristics of Texas |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text, globes and maps: [www.CT.gov](http://www.CT.gov)  Publishers Websites: [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE FOUR**

**HISTORY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a study of the regions of the United States, the student will:   1. Expand their understanding of human influence in shaping communities, states, and nations 2. Understand the origin and significance of customs, holidays, celebrations, and landmarks 3. ( particularly in the state of Texas) 4. Understand the concepts of time and chronology 5. Understand how human needs, ideas, issues, and events influence past and present 6. Understand Texas History 7. Understand that the past influences the present |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To understand that different cultures shaped the communities, states, regions, and the United States as a nation.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare and contrast** Native American (American Indian) and early settler attitudes about natural resources (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Describe** the contribution of major historical figures including but not limited to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, and Abraham Lincoln |  |
| **B. To demonstrate how different people can look at an event or situation in diverse ways.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** a national or Texas event from two different points of view (For example, students describe the Indian wars from the point of view of a settler and a Native American) 2. **Apply** a Native American custom (Talking Stick) to modern life |  |
| **C. To demonstrate a sense of historical sequence.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Make** and **use** time lines to sequence major events in American History within the various regions of the US including from Colonization to Modern times 2. **Identify** and **sequence** the major events of Texas history 3. **Describe** an event in Texas State history that affects the way people in the state live today 4. **Compare and contrast** the communication and transportation of early Texas and American history with that of today 5. **Synthesize** important events in Texas History and **explain** the role of Texas during the colonial and revolutionary periods |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Texts and Texas state resources from the *Approved Programs and Texts*  Publishers Websites: [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**STRATEGIES – Grade Four**

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| **Suggested Teaching Strategies** | **Suggested Learning Strategies** |
| **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Talks about current events with students * Displays maps of the areas of study – particularly the state of Texas * Displays primary sources   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Sets up mock elections and a simple system of classroom government * Plans virtual and actual field trips to places of historical, civic, economic or geographic significance   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Student Directed**  Students:   * Work in cooperative groups to compare the costs of domestically produced and imported items * Work in cooperative groups to research historical political leaders of Texas * Work independently and in groups to create graphs, charts, or diagrams that compare and contrast the ways American Indians viewed nature with the way Americans do today   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Independent**  Students:   * Develop the habit of reading news sources (text or electronic) regularly. * Use technology in all phases of learning |

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| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links**  **Grade Four** |
| * When students learn about the trade partners of the United States, they should discuss work place conditions in some of those countries and discuss how what they buy affects human dignity. (Religion, Language Arts, Economics) * Students list the things in their home (or list items in the grocery store) that come from other countries. They discuss what familiar products are imported from other nations, research the conditions they were produced and how much of the cost of the item goes to the producer. (Economics, Math, Religion) |

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**GRADE FIVE**

**CIVICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a survey history of the United States the student will:   1. Understand how early settlers and explorers began the cultural diversity experienced today in the United States 2. Develop a broader understanding of native Americans and their culture through a study of the regions of the United States 3. Understand the different cultures found in the Western Hemisphere 4. Understand different forms of government:    1. Monarchy    2. Dictatorship    3. Democracy 5. Understand important political documents:    1. Constitution    2. Magna Carta    3. Bill of Rights    4. Charter Oak |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To understand the diverse cultures found in the Western Hemisphere.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** the perspectives, practices, and cultural products of various cultural groups including Native Americans, African Americans, Latinos, European Americans, and   Asian Americans |  |
| **B. To describe and analyze different forms of government.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** and **Contrast** monarchy, dictatorship and democracy (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Identify** who holds the power in the different forms of government and **compare** the role of its citizens in each form |  |
| **C. To describe the principles of and the effect of important documents.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** how the Constitution, the Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights helped form and influence the government the U.S. has today |  |
| **D. To analyze how government promotes the common good and protects individual rights.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify/describe** examples of tension between an individual’s beliefs and government policies and laws (Civil Rights Act of 1964; Women’s Movement; Homeland Security) 2. **Describe** ways in which the British government failed to promote the common good among its colonies 3. **List** ways to monitor technology in order to protect the physical environment, individual rights, and the common good (respect of copyright laws connected to Internet use; recycling of electronic and computer equipment; evaluate website sources) 4. **Explain** how public opinion influences personal decision-making (smoke free environments) 5. **Describe** expressions of public opinion,   free speech, and forms of public discourse  in a democracy   1. **Describe** ways public opinion influences government policy on public issues (Homeland Security) 2. **Compare** and **contrast** an issue of public concern from multiple points of view (i.e. Wars throughout American history, environmental issues, etc.) (chart, table, essay, etc.) 3. **Describe** formal and informal factors that contribute to the development of public policy (election of a president, reactions to environmental hazards, September 11, 2001) |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text Book and support chosen from the *Approved Programs and Texts* list  Videos, graphic organizers, project rubrics  Publishers Websites: [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE FIVE**

**ECONOMICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a survey study of the history of the United States the student will:   1. Understand the concepts of resources, economic wants, supply and demand, goods and services, and opportunity costs 2. Understand scarcity and economic choice, productivity and economic growth, markets and prices 3. Understand the effects of economic choices |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To analyze economic patterns and systems, free enterprise, the uses of resources, entrepreneurship, economic wants, supply and demand, goods and services, and opportunity costs.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The students will**:   1. **Explain** how the trade systems and laws (Triangular Trade, NAFTA, etc.) have affected the economic growth of American history 2. **Define** scarcity and how it has affected events in American history (Scarcity of land, scarcity of economic opportunities, etc.) |  |
| **B. To explain how economics, scarcity, productivity and economic growth, markets and price affect historical events.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how the economic disparity between the North and the South was a factor that led to the Civil War 2. **Analyze** the advantages and disadvantages of industrial and agrarian economies 3. **Describe** the factors that lead to American economic recovery after major military conflicts 4. **Describe** taxes and tariffs and their effect on internal and external conflicts in American 5. **Determine** why some of the first English colonies survived and others did not 6. **Evaluate** the colonists’ use of resources and how it affected their relationship with Native Americans 7. **Describe** the advantages and disadvantages of the free enterprise system throughout American history 8. **Describe** how advances in communication, transportation, technology have contributed to interdependence of nations around the world 9. **Explain** the relationship between imports and exports and a nation’s economy |  |
| **C. To demonstrate an understanding of the moral implications of economic choices.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Consider** the source of products and social justice principles when making consumer choices |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text Book and other resources from the *Approved Programs and Texts*  Videos, graphic organizers, project rubrics  Appropriate children’s literature (consult teacher manual, libraries, publisher’s websites)  Publishers Websites  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE FIVE**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a survey study of American history the student will:   1. Understand the concept of location 2. Understand the concept of place 3. Understand human-environment interaction 4. Understand the concept of movement 5. Understand the concept of region 6. Understand the characteristics and purposes of maps, globes, and satellite-produced images |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To visualize, create, read and interpret maps, globes and satellite-produced image.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** and **contrast** map projections (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Explain** map keys on special purpose maps (i.e., climate, elevation, etc.) 3. **Use** coordinates of latitude and longitude to locate points in North America 4. **Describe** the location of their town and Texas relative to other towns, states, and countries 5. **Locate and label** major political regions and physical features in North America and explain how those features affected   patterns of settlement, economic activity, and  movement |  |
| **B. To analyze human interaction with the environment.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how Native Americans/American Indians and Europeans interacted with the environment to suit their needs 2. **Analyze** the uneven distribution of renewable and nonrenewable resources in North America and evaluate its effect on the environment 3. **Describe** uses of resources and land in home, school, and community during various times in American history 4. **Propose** alternate uses of land and resources 5. **Compare** and **contrast** the way government has established order and managed conflict (or failed to do so) during different periods of American history (chart, table, essay, etc.) 6. **Describe** significant geographical disputes during American history and explain how they were resolved 7. **Hypothesize** about social and economic effects of environmental changes and crises resulting from phenomena such as floods, storms, and drought 8. **Describe** how advances in technology and science have changed the way Americans interact with their environment 9. **Identify** current global problems and **suggest** possible ways in which the U.S. has contributed to them and potential solutions 10. **Identify** human rights issues(the treatment of women and children, religious groups, the effects of war) in American history |  |
| **C. To investigate the effect of movement on the environment.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how settlement pattern caused changes in the six major ecosystems of the United States (croplands, forests, coasts and oceans, urban and suburban areas, arid and rangeland areas, and freshwater areas) |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| * Text and text related supports (including websites) * Maps, globes, gazetteers * Government websites * Virtual field trips * Publishers Websites:   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com)  [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com) |

**GRADE FIVE**

**HISTORY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a survey study of the history of the United States the student will:   1. Increase their understanding of human influence in shaping communities, states, and nations 2. Understand the origin and significance historical development of the United States 3. Understand how the events of the past affect the present 4. Relate themselves to the events and people of the past 5. Make moral judgments about the decisions made by leaders in the past (and present) 6. Make predictions about the future based on events of the past |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To make generalizations about human influence in shaping communities, states and nations.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how adaptation to the environment helps create the cultures and civilizations (from the time of Native Americans to the events of September 11) in the Western Hemisphere |  |
| **B. To analyze the origin and significance of historical development of the United States.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Analyze:** 2. The reasons for exploring and colonizing in the New World by European countries 3. The events that led to the major conflicts (Revolutionary War, War of 1812. the Civil War, etc.) 4. The importance of key domestic issues (Jim Crow Laws, Women’s suffrage, Abortion) |  |
| **C. To discuss the morality of historical events (war, slavery).** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** and **contrast** reasons for the establishment of the 13 distinct British colonies in North America (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Compare** the roles of Europeans and enslaved Africans in the British colonial society of North America |  |
| **D. To analyze the significance of events and political and social movements in U.S. history.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **List** the reasons for immigration and **describe** how immigrants have adapted to life in America 2. **Describe** situations when an individual may experience conflict because he/she belongs to more than one group (i.e., a political party and a religious group) 3. **Evaluate:** the reasons the 13 colonies sought independence from Great Britain and **explain** the purpose of the Declaration of Independence 4. **Explain** the essential characteristics of American democracy found in the Constitution and apply them to the roles of   citizens in its society   1. **Use** primary sources to **explain** the changing role of the United States as a world power 2. **Describe** institutions and groups in American history which worked for the common good (successfully and unsuccessfully) 3. **Describe:**    1. The lasting effects of various cultures on present-day American society.    2. The lasting effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction on American society    3. The lasting effects of westward expansion    4. The lasting effects of the wars of the Twentieth Century    5. The effects of religious beliefs on American culture |  |
| **E. To make predictions about the future of the United States based on current or past events.** |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| * Text Book from *Approved Programs and Texts* * Online materials * Videos, graphic organizers, project rubrics * Professional Magazines: Social Studies Teacher, History Matters * Publications for students like Calliope * Publishers Websites   [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)  [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) |

**STRATEGIES – Grade Five**

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| **Suggested Teaching Strategies** | **Suggested Learning Strategies** |
| **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Talks about current events with students * Displays maps of the areas of study-different periods of American history.   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **Teacher Directed**  The teacher:   * Sets up mock elections and a simple system of classroom government * Displays primary sources * Plans virtual and actual field trips to places of historical, civic, economic or geographic significance   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Student Directed**  Students:   * Work in cooperative groups to creating a “new” nation with its own climate and geographical features, and establishing a system of government and economy. * Work together to evaluate the historical contributions of political leaders   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Independent**  Students:   * Develop the habit of reading news sources (text or electronic) regularly. * Use technology in all phases of learning   **Other:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching**  **Grade Five** |
| * Students will write essays about slavery, discrimination and other historical injustices; these essays reflect an understanding that there is a unique sacred worth in each person simply because he/she exists. (Language Arts, Religion) |

**Notes:**

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**Text/Resources:**

**GRADE SIX**

**\*Note the ancient and medieval cultures will include but not be limited to the study of: Mesopotamia, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, Ancient India, Ancient China, Ancient Egypt, Byzantine Civilizations, Muslim Civilizations, Ancient Africa, The Americas (early Civilizations), Medieval Europe, etc…\***

**GRADE SIX**

**CIVICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of ancient and medieval cultures the student will:   1. Grow in understanding the importance of good citizenship 2. Working for the common good 3. Treating all peoples as equals 4. Understanding various customs and celebrations 5. Understand social groups and institutions: 6. Similarities among diverse groups 7. Contributions of diverse groups |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To describe and analyze social groups and institutions, noting similarities and differences among diverse groups and their contributions to civilization.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe and Compare** ancient governments and/or political systems: republics, empires, feudalism, etc. 2. **Examine** contributions of religion and political thought to the institutions of ancients and medieval cultures. 3. **Describe** the diversity, or lack of it, in ancient cultures and **explain** how this contributed to conflict 4. **Analyze** how ancient and medieval peoples encouraged unity and dealt with diversity to maintain order and security 5. **Compare and Contrast** the concepts of majority rule and minority rights in ancient and medieval culture. |  |
| **B. To examine the qualities of good government and citizenship in ancient and medieval cultures.** |  |
| 1. **The student will:** 2. **Identify and Analyze** cultural values and their impact on individual beliefs, attitudes and actions in ancient and medieval cultures. 3. **Recognize** how value systems differ in ancient and medieval cultures. 4. **Describe** ways in which ancient and medieval governments failed to promote the common good 5. **Identify** the responsibilities of good citizenship in ancient, medieval and modern cultures |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text chosen from the *Approved Programs and Text List*  Literature such as:   * Life in a Medieval VillagebyFrances and Joseph Giles, * Catherine, Called BirdybyKaren Cushman |

**GRADE SIX**

**ECONOMICS**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a study of ancient and medieval history the student will:   1. Understand the economy of ancient and medieval cultures: how goods and services were produced and distributed 2. Distinguish between needs and wants 3. Understand supply and demand 4. Understand the concept of taxation |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. Analyze the economic impact of physical environment and technology on ancient and medieval cultures.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the goods and services produced and distributed in ancient and medieval cultures 2. **Explain** how trade affects the relationship of nations with their trading partners 3. **Explain** the need for and the impact of taxation on ancient and medieval cultures. 4. **Explain** how climate and geographical locationaffect economy |  |

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| **B. Evaluate the way the economic systems of ancient and medieval societies affect the common good.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the change in ancient societies from bartering to currency. 2. **Evaluate** the way the economic systems of ancient and medieval societies affected the common good. |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Text and related resources selected from the *Approved Programs and Texts*  Books such as:   * Adventures in the Middle Ages by Linda Bailey * The Midwife’s Apprentice by Karen Cushman |

**GRADE SIX**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through a study of ancient and medieval cultures the student will:   1. Understand the concept of location 2. Understand the concept of place 3. Understand human-environment interaction 4. Understand the concept of movement 5. Understand the concept of region 6. Understand and use geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret information and data |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** | |
| **A. To demonstrate an understanding of location and place in ancient and medieval cultures.** | |  | |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the geography (physical, political) of ancient and medieval civilizations 2. **Locate** absolute and/or relative positions of countries studied | |  | |
| **B. To analyze human interaction with environment.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** and **contrast** geographical features of ancient and medieval lands with one another 2. **Analyze** ways in which ancient and medieval cultures changed their environments 3. **Describe** how technology (tools and processes) changed the way people lived in ancient and medieval times | |  | |
| **C. To analyze movement of people and cultures in ancient and medieval cultures.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** how ancient empires grew and expanded 2. **Compare** and **contrast** the ways people, products, and ideas are moved across the world between and among ancient 3. **Describe** the effects of climatic and meteorological events on lives of ancient people 4. **Compare** and **contrast** ancient regions landforms, vegetation, etc. | |  | |
| **D. To examine geographic sources of tension and cooperation among ancient and medieval cultures.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** factors that contributed to or caused disputes between ancient and medieval cultures 2. **Identify** belief systems, music, art and language that contributed to understanding between ancient and medieval cultures 3. **Identify** human rights issues in ancient and medieval cultures such as the treatment of children, religious groups, and effects of war | |  | |
| **E. To visualize, create, read and interpret maps.** | |  | |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** maps, globes and satellite images to gather information 2. **Define** and **use** compass rose, intermediate directions, key, scale, locator 3. **Describe** location in terms of latitude and longitude 4. **Read** and **create** large and small scale maps, time zone maps, distribution maps 5. **Us**e the Internet to access maps and other sources of information 6. **Create** maps of the ancient world | |  | |
| **RESOURCES** | |
| * Text (chosen from the *Approved Programs and Texts* list) and text related supports (including Online) * Maps, globes, gazetteers | |

**Grade Seven**

**texas History**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of Texas history the student will:   1. Develop historical thinking skills, including:    1. Chronological thinking    2. Recognizing change over time    3. Contextualizing    4. Researching historical sources    5. Understanding competing narratives and interpretation    6. Constructing narratives and interpretations 2. Use historical thinking skills to develop an understanding of major historical periods, issues and trends in Texas history 3. Use understanding of historical periods to examine historical ideals, beliefs, and institutions, conflicts and resolution of conflicts and human movement and interaction 4. Recognize the importance of historical thinking and knowledge in their own lives and in the world in which they live 5. Compare similarities and differences in the ways groups, societies, and cultures meet human needs and concerns 6. Explain how information and experiences may be interpreted by people from diverse cultural perspectives 7. Understand how to use resources to gather and analyze information 8. Develop an understanding of how Catholics and the Catholic Church have influenced Texas history 9. Relate current issues to historical events |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To identify the cultures and traditions that developed around the world that led to the early settlement of North America.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how early peoples spread across Mesoamerica and the Americas and built great civilizations 2. **Assess** the impact of geography on Native American culture 3. **Evaluate** the factors that motivated Europeans to discovery and exploration 4. **Analyze** the impact of European settlements 5. **Analyze** the economic factors that motivated exploration 6. **Describe** the conflicts between Native Americans and European explorers (i.e. religious and cultural differences) 7. **Relate** the Native American reverence of nature to the Church’s teaching on stewardship of the earth | **Roots of Native American People** |
| **B. To evaluate the patterns of Spanish and French, settlements.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Assess** the effect of geography and climate on the culture and economy in the settlements 2. **Compare and contrast** the effect religion had on life in the settlements 3. **Describe** the importance of the missions in the settlement of Texas and the contributions of missionaries in teaching the Catholic Faith 4. **Identify** the economic motivation for French exploration and settlements in Texas. | **Spanish and French Settlements** |
| 1. **To analyze the increasing independence of the colonies and how this led to a breakdown in their relationship with Spain and Mexico.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the significant individuals during the colonization and the role of empresarios, such as Moses Austin, Stephen F. Austin, and Juan Seguin, etc... 2. **Examine** the impact of Mexican Independence on the colonies. 3. **Analyze** the implications of the Constitution of 1824 on events in Texas 4. **Trace** the development of the events that led to the Texas Revolution, including the Law of April 6, 1830, Turtle Bayou Resolutions, the arrest of Stephen F. Austin, etc… |  |
| **D. Understands how individuals, events, issues related to the Texas Revolution shaped the history of Texas.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Examine** roles of key leaders in the independence movement such as George Childress, Lorenzo de Zavala, James Fannin, Sam Houston, Santa Anna, William B. Travis, Jim Bowie, and Jim Burnet, etc… 2. **Examine** key events leading to the independence such as Battle of Gonzales, Siege of Alamo, The Consultation, The Convention of 1836, Fannin’s Surrender at Goliad, Battle of San Jacinto. 3. **Examine** the key issues for independence as stated in the Texas Declaration of Independence 4. **Examine** the key objectives of the Treaties of Velasco, both public and private. |  |
| **E. Understands individuals and events that shaped the Republic of Texas and moved it to statehood** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Examine** the roles of David Burnet, Sam Houston, Mirabeau B. Lamar, and Anson Jones 2. **Contrast** the programs of the Houston and Lamar administrations including conflicts with Native Americans, differing economic policies, and views on annexation 3. **Analyze** the causes and events leading to the annexation of Texas |  |
| **F. Analyze the challenges of statehood** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the Convention of 1845 and the ensuing Constitution 2. **Summarize** the role of Texas in the Mexican War and the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo 3. **Describe** the policies toward Native Americans 4. **Characterize** immigrants to Texas at this time |  |
| **G. Understand how events and issues affected Texas during the Civil War.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** the issues that divided the North and South, and the events that led to the Civil War 2. **Identify**  significant events leading to secession of Texas and joining the Confederate States of America, as well as the rise of Unionists sympathies 3. **Summarize** important Texas battles such asGalveston, Sabine Pass, Red River and the final battle of the war at Palmito Ranch 4. **Discuss** howshortages and hardships affected citizens of Texas |  |
| **H. Understand how events and issues affected Texas during Reconstruction.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Examine** Texas’ readmission into the Union 2. **Describe** the Constitutions of 1866 and 1869 3. **Explain** how Reconstruction began and ended. |  |
| **I. Understand how individuals, events, issues shaped the history of Texas from Reconstruction through the beginning of the 20th century.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** significant individuals from Reconstruction through the 20th century such as Buffalo Soldiers, Quannah Parker, Satanta, Satank, James Hogg, Richard King, J.F. Glidden, Oliver Loving, Charles Goodnight, Patillo Higgins, Anthony Lucas, etc… 2. **Identify** significant events from Reconstruction through the 20th century including the Galveston Hurricane (1900), Spindletop(1901), Houston Ship Channel (1914) 3. **Identify** significant events from Reconstruction through the 20th Century including expansion of the Texas frontier, the effect of westward expansion on Native Americans, the development of the cattle industry from its Spanish beginnings, the myth and realities of the cowboy way of life, effect of the growth of railroads, etc… 4. **Explain** the political, economic, and social impact of the cattle and oil industries and the development of West Texas resulting from the closer of the frontier. |  |
| **J. Identify issues and individuals that shaped the history of Texas during the 20th century.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Define** the impact of “boom and bust” and trace the boom and cycle of leading Texas industries throughout the 20th century, including farming, oil and gas, cotton, ranching, real estate and banking 2. **Evaluate** the Progressives and other reform movements in Texas in the 19th and 20th centuries. 3. **Trace** the civil rights and equal rights movements of various groups in Texas in the 20th century and identify key leaders in these movements, including Hector P. Garcia, Oreta Culp Hobby, Lyndon B. Johnson, Barbara Jordan, John Nance Garner, etc… 4. **Analyze** the political, economic, and social impact of the major wars of Texas, including World War I and World War II 5. **Trace** the emergence of the two-party system in Texas during the second half of the 20th century |  |

**GRADES SEVEN**

**TEXAS GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of the Texas and its people, the student will:   1. Use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective 2. Use mental maps to organize information about people, places and environments in a spatial context 3. Analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on world’s surface 4. Understand the physical and human characteristics of places 5. Understand how people create regions to understand the world’s complexity 6. Understand how culture and experience influence people’s perception of places and regions 7. Understand the physical process that shape the patterns of the Earth’s surface 8. Understand the characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth’s surface 9. Understand the characteristics, distribution and migration of human populations in the world’s 10. Understand the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of world’s cultural mosaics 11. Describe the patterns and networks of economic interdependence of world 12. Understand the processes, patterns and functions of human settlement 13. Understand how the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of world 14. Understand how human actions modify the physical environment 15. Understand how physical systems affect human systems 16. Understand the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution and importance of resources 17. Develop a sense of global awareness 18. Apply the principles of Catholic social teaching to global events and conflicts and to the   use and distribution of resources   1. Understand their location in relationship to other areas of the world 2. Appreciate the relationship between and among people, places and environment 3. Preserve and safeguard the natural resources of the planet |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To use appropriate tools and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective in the study of Texas regions** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the characteristics of maps and different map projections and **use** scale, directional indicators, and compass rose in reading maps in the study of Texas 2. **Use** different scales in creating maps 3. **Create, use, and interpret** data bases**,** charts, and tables (census and land use data and topographic information) 4. **Use** text and electronic thematic maps and graphs (e.g., population patterns, economic features, migration patterns, rainfall, etc.) in the study of Texas 5. Using latitude and longitude **locate** specific locations in Texas 6. **Compare** and **contrast** land and water 7. **Use** appropriate media resources to answer specific questions about geographic issues related to the study of Texas 8. **Evaluate** maps, cartograms and other geographic tools to illustrate data sets (e.g. data on population distribution, language use patterns, etc.) in the study of Texas 9. **Identify** the purposes and limitations of each map projection (e.g. Mercator for navigation, Robinson for depicting aerial distributions) 10. **Use** a variety of media resourcesto interpret and predict patterns of movement in space and time (e.g., mapping hurricane tracks over several seasons, mapping the spread of a disease, etc.) |  |
| **B. To organize information about people, places and environments in a spatial context.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Mark** major ocean currents, wind   patterns, landforms, and climate regions on maps of Texas   1. **Relate** to their physical and human geographic contexts 2. **Draw** or sketch maps of different regions and compare them with atlas maps to determine accuracy 3. **Translate** a mental map into sketch form to **illustrate** relative location of, size of, and distances between places 4. **Use** mental maps to describe the location of places in terms of reference points (e.g., prime meridian, equator) 5. **Use** mental maps to describe locations in terms of geographic features (e.g., Gulf of Mexico) 6. **Use** mental maps to describe the locations   of places in terms of human characteristics (e.g., cultural) |  |
| **C. To analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** urban, suburban, and rural areas of various counties in Texas 2. **Interpret** urban land use maps and compare dominant land-use patterns in areas of Texas 3. **Analyze** the spatial arrangement of urban land-use patterns to explain why areas are industrial, agricultural or residential in the regions of Texas 4. **Trace** the spread of language, religion, customs and culture from one part of the world to another 5. **Read, identify, interpret,** and **create** a variety of thematic maps (e.g., population distribution and density, ethnicity, resource, language, etc.) 6. **Compare** and **contrast** information found on different types of maps, electronic and text (chart, table, essay, etc.) |  |
| **D. To recognize and interpret the physical and human characteristics of places.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Distinguish** the difference between location and place 2. **Demonstrate** how maps show changes over time in various areas of Texas 3. **Use** a variety of tools to identify and compare the physical characteristics of place as part of the study of Texas 4. **Compare** religion and education by using maps and other tools to i**dentify** human characteristics and place (i.e., language, politics, population, land use, levels of technology, etc.) using charts, tables, essays, etc. 5. **Use** visual media to **make** inferences about the causes and effects of change over time 6. **Analyze** the effects of different population growth on place 7. **Compare** maps of regions over a period of time and make inferences about changes |  |
| **E. To understand how culture and experience influence people’s perception of places and regions.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** ways in which people of different cultures define, build, and name places and regions 2. **Trace** the role of technology in changing   culture groups’ perception of their physical environments (e.g., healthcare, developing nations)   1. **Give** examples of how religion and other belief systems influence traditional attitudes toward land use 2. **Use** photos to make association between landmarks, buildings, and structures that represent or symbolize a city (e.g., Alamo, Cowboys Stadium, oil derricks) 3. **Explain** how cultural characteristics unite or divide regions |  |
| **F. To understand the physical processes that shape the patterns of the Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the pattern of oceanic currents and their influence on weather and climate 2. **Explain** the distribution of the major climatic realms along with their related vegetation and soils 3. **Identify** weather fronts, air masses, relative humidity, precipitation, and other elements of basic meteorology 4. **Describe** the distribution of nonrenewable resources as metals, fossil fuels and others 5. **Describe** the distributions of valuable soils for agriculture and the reasons for its value |  |
| **G. To describe the characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the various ecosystems which exist as determined by climate and topography 2. **Analyze** the effect of human beings on the environment especially in terms of introduced species and pests 3. **Describe** the impact of the various lands uses of the world and how they may affect the environment in ways that are unfamiliar to the developed nations |  |
| **H. To understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations on the Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** population growth in developing and developed countries 2. **Analyze** demographic transition 3. **Identify** the causes and effects of migration streams 4. **Identify** and **explain** how physical and other barriers can impede the flow of people 5. **Explain** how the movement of people can alter the character of a place |  |
| **I. To understand the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of the World’s cultural diversity.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** the presence of ethnic enclaves   in cities resulting from voluntary or forced migration   1. **Identify** and **describe** the distinctive cultural landscapes associated with migrant populations 2. **Describe** and **explain** the significance of patterns of cultural diffusion in the creation of Earth’s cultural diversity |  |
| **J. To identify and explain the patterns and networks of economic interdependence in the World.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Define** primary, secondary, and tertiary economic activities 2. **Use** data to list major Texas imports and exports in a given year, map the locations of countries trading with the United States in those goods, identify trading patterns, and suggest reasons for those patterns 3. **Examine** the impact of wars, crop failures, and labor strikes on people in various parts of the world 4. **Identify** the locations of economic activities in the student own community or another community and evaluate their impact on surrounding areas 5. **Analyze** the economic and social impacts on a community when an economic activity leaves and moves to another place |  |
| **K. To identify and understand the processes, patterns, and functions of human settlement.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **List**, **define** and **map** major agricultural settlement types, such as plantation, subsistence farming, truck farming communities 2. **Identify** the factors involved in the development of cities 3. **Describe** why people find urban centers to be economically attractive, such as business and entrepreneurial opportunities, access to information and other resources |  |
| **L. To understand how human actions modify the physical environment.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the consequences of human modification of the physical environment 2. **Analyze** how environmental changes made in one area affect another 3. **Identify** the consequences of intended and unintended outcomes of major technological changes in human history 4. **Describe** the role of technology in changing the physical environment of agricultural activities |  |
| **M. To understand how physical systems affect human systems.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how agricultural production systems in different kinds of environments vary 2. **Analyze** how environment is taken into account in deciding locations of human activities 3. **Analyze** the relationship between humans and natural hazards |  |
| **N. To understand the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution and importance of resources.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Interpret** pattern maps of resources, such as natural gas, petroleum, coal, and iron ore 2. **Analyze** and **describe** world patterns of resource distribution in general terms 3. **Explain** the relationship between standard of living and the quality and quantity of resources available within a country, especially energy resources 4. **Describe** a variety of mining operations such as strip mining, offshore oil drilling, etc 5. **Identify** the variety of renewable resources available in the state of Texas |  |

**Grade EIGHT**

**American History**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of American history the student will:   1. Develop historical thinking skills, including:    1. Chronological thinking    2. Recognizing change over time    3. Contextualizing    4. Researching historical sources    5. Understanding competing narratives and interpretation    6. Constructing narratives and interpretations 2. Use historical thinking skills to develop an understanding of major historical periods, issues and trends in world history 3. Use understanding of historical periods to examine historical ideals, beliefs, and institutions, conflicts and resolution of conflicts, human movement and interaction, science and technology to determine how the world came to be what it is 4. Recognize the importance of historical thinking and knowledge in their own lives and in the world in which they live 5. Compare similarities and differences in the ways groups, societies, and cultures meet human needs and concerns 6. Explain how information and experiences may be interpreted by people from diverse cultural perspectives 7. Understand how to use resources to gather and analyze information 8. Develop an understanding of how Catholics and the Catholic Church have influenced American history 9. Relate current issues to historical events |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To identify the cultures and traditions that developed around the world that led to the early settlement of North America.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how early peoples spread across the Americas and built great civilizations 2. **Assess** the impact of geography on Native American culture 3. **Evaluate** the factors that motivated Europeans to discovery and exploration 4. **Analyze** the impact of European voyages and settlements 5. **Analyze** the economic factors that motivated exploration 6. **Describe** the conflicts between Native Americans and European explorers (i.e. religious and cultural differences) 7. **Relate** the Native American reverence of nature to the Church’s teaching on stewardship of the earth | **Roots of American People** |
| **B. Evaluate the economic, political, and social patterns of Spanish, French, Dutch, and English colonies in North America.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Assess** the effect of geography and climate on the culture and economy in the settlements 2. **Identify** the economic patterns in the New England, Middle, Southern colonies 3. **Identify** the impact of slavery on the economy of colonial life 4. **Describe** how the choices a consumer makes can influence unfair labor practices 5. **Compare and contrast** the effect religion had on life in the colonies (chart, table, essay, etc.) 6. **Evaluate** the different governing bodies in the colonies 7. **Describe** how the religious beliefs of the colonists were accommodated in the settling of the different colonies | **First English Settlements** |
| 1. **To analyze the increasing independence of the thirteen colonies and how this led to a breakdown in their relationship with Great Britain.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the causes and effects of the French and Indian War on the colonies 2. **Describe** how the British tax laws brought the colonist closer to revolution 3. **Describe** the immediate events that led to the Revolution 4. **Describe** the colonists’ moral justification for war 5. **Create** a timeline of major battles and campaigns of the American Revolution and evaluate their significance 6. **Evaluate** the contributions of minority groups to the outcome of the American Revolution 7. **Identify** the major points of the Treaty of Paris that ended the War for American Independence | **Road to Revolution** |
| **D. To describe the underlying philosophy in the creation, implementation, and the flexibility of the U.S. Constitution.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** documents on which the Constitution was based 2. **Describe** the process that led to the adoption of the Constitution 3. **Describe** the sections of the Constitution (Preamble, Articles, Bill of Rights, Amendments) 4. **Describe** the process of amending the Constitution 5. **Explain** how the amendments adapt the Constitution to the changing needs of   American society   1. **Describe** how the Constitution parallels Church teachings about the dignity of the human person | **Creating the Constitution** |
| **E. To understand how the U.S. system of government works.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Evaluate** the importance of the separation of powers 2. **Describe** the responsibilities and limits of each of the three branches of government (including checks and balance) 3. **Describe** the process of how a bill becomes a law (Include veto/override process) |  |
| **F. To identify how early presidents overcame internal and external challenges to set the new nation on a firm foundation.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Summarize** the precedents set during Washington’s administration that affected both domestic and foreign policies 2. **Analyze** the political philosophies of Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson and how that led to the formation of political parties 3. **Evaluate** how the actions of Great Britain and France affected the United States 4. **Summarize** the contributions of John Adams to the growth of the early United States especially in terms of foreign policy | **A New Nation** |
| **G. To explain the conflicting policies and contributions of the Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Jackson Administrations.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Examine** the political and moral importance of early Supreme Court ruling in strengthening the federal government and supporting economic growth:    1. *Marbury v. Madison*    2. *McCulloch v. Maryland*    3. *Dartmouth College v. Woodworth*    4. *Gibbons v. Ogden* 2. **Describe** the economic and/or moral impact of land acquisitions :    1. *Louisiana Purchase*    2. *Acquisition of Florida*    3. *Louis and Clark Exploration*    4. *Trail of Tears* 3. **Summarize** the impact of the Monroe Doctrine 4. **Identify** the causes and effects, both immediate and subsequent, of the War of 1812 5. **Describe** the evolution of the debate between states rights and the powers of the federal government 6. **Identify** factors that led to the Bank War and Nullification Crisis |  |
| **H. To relate the effects of the Industrial Revolution to the development of distinct economies in the North and South.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the impact of industrialization and mass production on American life 2. **Compare** the impact of industrialization with the growth of modern technology 3. **Describe** the effects of inventions on the economies of both the North and South 4. **Analyze** the effect of better transportation and communication on the economy, including expansion of roads and canals system 5. **Evaluate** the importance of the cotton industry on the social and economic life of the South 6. **Describe** how the cotton gin affected the growth of slavery 7. **Debate** the economic necessity of slavery in the South with the moral opposition to slavery in the North 8. **Discuss** whether economic necessity justifies exploitation of the worker | **A Growing Nation**  **in Conflict** |
| **I. To identify the impact of Westward expansion on all aspects of American life.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Evaluate** the political and moral importance of:    * The Missouri Compromise    * Abolitionist Movement    * Women’s Suffrage    * Manifest Destiny 2. **Identify** common themes in American art and literature 3. **Identify** the issues raised by adding new states to the Union 4. **Explain** the effects of the Gold Rush on California (i.e., diversity of population, political, economic and geographic growth) 5. **Describe** religious groups that emerged during the early to mid 1800s and their impact on American life 6. **Identify** the contributions and challenges of immigrants in Westward expansion 7. **Describe** the growth of discrimination against immigrants, Catholics, Jews, Asians, Native and African Americans | **Westward**  **Expansion** |
| **J. To summarize conflicts with Mexico.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** how Texas became independent   from Mexico   1. **Analyze** the events leading to and the effects of the Mexican American War 2. **Summarize** how the United States achieved Manifest Destiny |  |
| **K. To identify strategies the United States attempted in dealing with growing sectional differences and explain why they failed.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the conflict of slavery in the territories after the Mexican-American War 2. **Summarize** the Compromise of 1850 3. **Discuss** the divergent philosophies of political, social, and religious leaders on such issues as slavery and states’ rights including *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* 4. **Explain** the idea of popular sovereignty and its application in the Kansas-Nebraska territory 5. **Evaluate** the consequences of the Kansas-Nebraska Act 6. **Explain** the highlights and significance of the Lincoln-Douglas debates 7. **Assess** the impact of the Dred Scott decision by the Supreme Court 8. **Describe** the northerners’ and southerners’ reaction to John Brown’s Raid 9. **Analyze** the importance of the election of 1860 in sparking the secession of the southern states | **A Nation Divided** |
| **L. To identify the people, places, and things that affected the outcome of the Civil War.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the northern, southern, and   border states at the start of the war   1. **Compare** and **contrast** the strategies used by the north and south at the start of the Civil War (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Explain** why the Union’s plan of quick victory failed 3. **Identify** the new technologies used in the Civil War 4. **Explain** Lincoln’s intentions in issuing the Emancipation Proclamation 5. **Identify** the major military leaders of the Civil War and evaluate the effects of their actions 6. **Explain** the significance of:    * First Battle of Bull Run    * Shiloh    * Gettysburg    * Antietam    * Vicksburg    * Atlanta    * Richmond 7. **Explain** the contributions of women and African-Americans in the Civil War 8. **Summarize** the significance of the surrender of Lee to Grant at Appomattox | **The Civil War** |
| **M. Discuss the political, social, moral and economic effects of Reconstruction.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** and **contrast** Lincoln’s plan for Reconstruction with that of Congress (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Evaluate** the impact of Lincoln’s assassination 3. **Describe** the conflict between Johnson and the radical Republicans 4. **Describe** the events leading to the impeachment of President Johnson 5. **Describe** the major elements of the 13th 14th , and 15th Amendments and analyze the ways in which they promoted the dignity of human beings 6. **Describe** the effects of the sharecropping system 7. **Analyze** the growth of the Ku Klux Klan and other secret societies | **Reconstruction** |

**GRADE EIGHT**

**GEOGRAPHY**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of the world and its people, the student will:   1. Use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective 2. Use mental maps to organize information about people, places and environments in a spatial context 3. Analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth’s surface 4. Understand the physical and human characteristics of places 5. Understand how people create regions to understand the Earth’s complexity 6. Understand how culture and experience influence people’s perception of places and regions 7. Understand the physical process that shape the patterns of the Earth’s surface 8. Understand the characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth’s surface 9. Understand the characteristics, distribution and migration of human populations on the Earth’s surface 10. Understand the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of Earth’s cultural mosaics 11. Describe the patterns and networks of economic interdependence on earth’s surface 12. Understand the processes, patterns and functions of human settlement 13. Understand how the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of Earth’s surface 14. Understand how human actions modify the physical environment 15. Understand how physical systems affect human systems 16. Understand the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution and importance of resources 17. Develop a sense of global awareness 18. Apply the principles of Catholic social teaching to global events and conflicts and to the 19. use and distribution of resources 20. Understand their location in relationship to other areas of the world 21. Appreciate the relationship between and among people, places and environment 22. Preserve and safeguard the natural resources of the planet |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. To use appropriate tools and technologies to acquire, process, and report information from a spatial perspective in the study of world regions** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the characteristics of maps and different map projections and **use** scale, directional indicators, and compass rose in reading maps in the study of:    1. Canada and the U.S.    2. Latin America    3. Europe    4. Russia and Northern Eurasia    5. Africa    6. Asia    7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 2. **Use** different scales in creating maps 3. **Create, use, and interpret** data bases**,** charts, and tables (census and land use data and topographic information) 4. **Use** text and electronic thematic maps and graphs (e.g., population patterns, economic features, migration patterns, rainfall, etc.) in the study of:    1. Canada and the U.S.    2. Latin America    3. Europe    4. Russia and Northern Eurasia    5. Africa    6. Asia    7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 5. **Interpret** models of earth-sun relationships and **explain** seasons, revolution and rotation of the earth 6. Using latitude and longitude **locate** specific locations in:    1. Canada and the U.S.    2. Latin America    3. Europe    4. Russia and Northern Eurasia    5. Africa    6. Asia    7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 7. **Compare** and **contrast** land and water (chart, table, etc.) 8. **Use** appropriate media resources to answer specific questions about geographic issues related to the study of:    1. Canada and the U.S.    2. Latin America    3. Europe    4. Russia and Northern Eurasia    5. Africa    6. Asia    7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 9. **Evaluate** maps, cartograms and other geographic tools to illustrate data sets (e.g. data on population distribution, language use patterns, etc.) in the study of:    1. Canada and the U.S.    2. Latin America    3. Europe    4. Russia and Northern Eurasia    5. Africa    6. Asia    7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 10. **Identify** the purposes and limitations of each map projection (e.g. Mercator for navigation, Robinson for depicting aerial distributions) 11. **Use** a variety of media resourcesto interpret and predict patterns of movement in space and time (e.g., mapping hurricane tracks over several seasons, mapping the spread of a disease, etc.) |  |
| **B. To organize information about people, places and environments in a spatial context.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Mark** major ocean currents, wind   patterns, landforms, and climate regions on maps of:   * 1. Canada and the U.S.   2. Latin America   3. Europe   4. Russia and Northern Eurasia   5. Africa   6. Asia   7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica  1. **Describe** current events in:    1. Canada and the U.S.    2. Latin America    3. Europe    4. Russia and Northern Eurasia    5. Africa    6. Asia    7. Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 2. **Relate** to their physical and human geographic contexts 3. **Draw** or sketch maps of different regions and compare them with atlas maps to determine accuracy 4. **Translate** a mental map into sketch form to **illustrate** relative location of, size of, and distances between places 5. **Use** mental maps to describe the location of places in terms of reference points (e.g., prime meridian, equator) 6. **Use** mental maps to describe locations in terms of geographic features (e.g., Atlantic coast, Great Lakes) 7. **Use** mental maps to describe the locations   of places in terms of human characteristics (e.g., cultural) |  |
| **C. To analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** dot distribution maps to determine the patterns of agricultural production in some areas of:    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 2. **Identify** urban, suburban, and rural areas of various countries in:    * North America    * South America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica 3. **Interpret** urban land use maps and compare dominant land-use patterns in areas of:    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 4. **Analyze** the spatial arrangement of urban land-use patterns to explain why areas are industrial, agricultural or residential in a variety of countries and regions of:    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 5. **Identify** imports and exports of a variety of countries    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 6. **Explain** the balance of trade 7. **Trace** the spread of language, religion, customs and culture from one part of the world to another as part of the study of    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 8. **Read, identify, interpret,** and **create** a variety of thematic maps (e.g., population distribution and density, ethnicity, resource, language, etc.) 9. **Compare** and **contrast** information found on different types of maps, electronic and text (chart, table, essay, etc.) |  |
| **D. To recognize and interpret the physical and human characteristics of places.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Distinguish** the difference between location and place 2. **Demonstrate** how maps show changes over time in various areas of:    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 3. **Use** a variety of tools to identify and compare the physical characteristics of place as part of the study of:    * Canada and the U.S.    * Latin America    * Europe    * Russia and Northern Eurasia    * Africa    * Asia    * Australia, Oceania and Antarctica 4. **Develop** and **test** hypotheses regarding   ways in which the location, building styles, and other characteristics of place are shaped by natural hazards (i.e., fault zones, earthquakes, floods, etc.) in the study of:   * + Canada and the U.S.   + Latin America   + Europe   + Russia and Northern Eurasia   + Africa   + Asia   + Australia, Oceania and Antarctica  1. **Compare** religion and education by using maps and other tools to i**dentify** human characteristics and place (i.e., language, politics, population, land use, levels of technology, etc.) using charts, tables, essays, etc. 2. **Use** a variety of visual media (maps, globes, satellite images, photos, videos) to **develop** hypotheses about similarities and cultural ethnicity of place 3. **Use** visual media to **make** inferences about the causes and effects of change over time 4. **Analyze** the effects of different population growth on place 5. **Compare** maps of regions over a period of time and make inferences about changes 6. **Identify** the names of particular places and explain the perspective of different   names (e.g., Arabian Sea – Persian Gulf)   1. **Recognize** and **compare** and **contrast** place names over time (i.e., Formosa-Taiwan; Palestine, Israel, Occupied Territory, Russia- USSR) (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Recognize** disputed areas of the world |  |
| **E. To recognize that characteristics of regions have led to regional labels and that people create regions to interpret Earth’s complexity.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** why and how geographers create and use regions as organizing concepts 2. **Identify** various regions on a map or globe (continents, hemispheres, etc.) 3. **Determine** factors that lead to regional   change, economic development, migration, and media image in the study of:   * + Canada and the U.S.   + Latin America   + Europe   + Russia and Northern Eurasia   + Africa   + Asia   + Australia, Oceania and Antarctica  1. **Demonstrate** how physical and human connections exist between regions 2. **Use** cultural clues such as food preferences, language use, and customs to explain how migration creates cultural ties between regions 3. **Analyze** the importance of trade and other connections between regions in the U.S. and the world using a variety of maps, graphs, and media 4. **Identify** regional labels that reflect changes in perception (i.e., Mideast, Far East) |  |
| **F. To understand how culture and experience influence people’s perception of places and regions.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** ways in which people of different cultures define, build, and name places and regions 2. **Trace** the role of technology in changing   culture groups’ perception of their physical environments (e.g., healthcare, developing nations)   1. **Give** examples of how, in different regions of the world, religion and other belief systems influence traditional attitudes toward land use 2. **Use** photos to make association between landmarks, buildings, and structures that represent or symbolize a city (e.g., Goldern Gate Bridge, Sydney Opera House) 3. **Explain** how cultural characteristics unite or divide regions |  |
| **G. To understand the physical processes that shape the patterns of the Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** the pattern of oceanic currents and their influence on weather and climate 2. **Explain** the distribution of the major climatic realms along with their related vegetation and soils 3. **Identify** weather fronts, air masses, relative humidity, precipitation, and other elements of basic meteorology 4. **Describe** the distribution of nonrenewable resources as metals, fossil fuels and others 5. **Describe** the distributions of valuable soils for agriculture and the reasons for its value |  |
| **H. To describe the characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the various ecosystems which exist as determined by climate and topography 2. **Analyze** the effect of human beings on the environment especially in terms of introduced species and pests 3. **Examine** land use demands on wetlands and other key natural formations 4. **Describe** the impact of the various lands uses of the world and how they may affect the environment in ways that are unfamiliar to the developed nations |  |
| **I. To understand the characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations on the Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** population growth in developing and developed countries 2. **Analyze** demographic transition 3. **Identify** the causes and effects of migration streams 4. **Identify** and **explain** how physical and other barriers can impede the flow of people 5. **Explain** how the movement of people can alter the character of a place |  |
| **J. To understand the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of the Earth’s cultural diversity.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** the presence of ethnic enclaves   in cities resulting from voluntary or forced migration   1. **Identify** and **describe** the distinctive cultural landscapes associated with migrant populations 2. **Describe** and **explain** the significance of patterns of cultural diffusion in the creation of Earth’s cultural diversity |  |
| **K. To identify and explain the patterns and networks of economic interdependence on Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Define** primary, secondary, and tertiary economic activities 2. **Use** data to list major U.S. imports and exports in a given year, map the locations   of countries trading with the United States  in those goods, identify trading patterns, and suggest reasons for those patterns   1. **Examine** the impact of wars, crop failures, and labor strikes on people in various parts of the world 2. **Identify** the locations of economic activities in the student own community or another community and evaluate their impact on surrounding areas 3. **Analyze** the economic and social impacts on a community when an economic activity leaves and moves to another place 4. **Suggest** reasons and consequences for countries that export mostly raw materials and import mostly fuels and manufactured goods |  |
| **L. To identify and understand the processes, patterns, and functions of human settlement.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **List**, **define** and **map** major agricultural settlement types, such as plantation, subsistence farming, truck farming communities 2. **Identify** the factors involved in the development of cities 3. **Describe** why people find urban centers to be economically attractive, such as business and entrepreneurial opportunities, access to information and other resources |  |
| **M. To understand how the forces of cooperation and conflict among people influence the division and control of Earth’s surface.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Identify** different service, political, social   and economic divisions of the world in which the student functions   1. **Explain** the reasons for conflicts over the use of land and propose strategies to shape a cooperative solution 2. **Explain** how the shape of a country may affect political cohesiveness 3. **Explain** factors that contribute to political conflict in specific countries |  |
| **N. To understand how human actions modify the physical environment.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the consequences of human modification of the physical environment 2. **Analyze** how environmental changes made in one area affect another 3. **Identify** the consequences of intended and unintended outcomes of major technological changes in human history 4. **Describe** the role of technology in changing the physical environment of agricultural activities |  |
| **O. To understand how physical systems affect human systems.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how agricultural production systems in different kinds of environments vary 2. **Analyze** how environment is taken into account in deciding locations of human   activities   1. **Analyze** the relationship between humans and natural hazards |  |
| **P. To understand the changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution and importance of resources.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Interpret** pattern maps of resources, such as natural gas, petroleum, coal, and iron ore 2. **Interpret** dot or symbol maps of resources such as diamonds, silver, gold, copper, and other resources 3. **Analyze** and **describe** world patterns of resource distribution general terms 4. **Explain** the relationship between standard of living and the quality and quantity of resources available within a country, especially energy resources 5. **Describe** a variety of mining operations such as strip mining, offshore oil drilling, etc |  |

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| **RESOURCES** |
| Publishers Websites:  <http://earth.google.com/earth4.html> [www.scholastic.com](http://www.scholastic.com)  [www.eduplace.com](http://www.eduplace.com) [www.scottforesman.com](http://www.scottforesman.com)  [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) [www.mhschool.com](http://www.mhschool.com) |

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| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links**  **Grades Seven/Eight** |
| * Middle school students create charts and maps that demonstrate the inequality of resource consumption and discuss ways to conserve natural resources. |

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**GRADES NINE-TWELVE**

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

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| **ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS** |
| Through the study of communities, the student will:   1. Demonstrate knowledge of the structure of United States and world history to understand life and events in the past and how they relate to one’s own life experience 2. Analyze the historical roots and the current complexity of relations among nations in an increasingly interdependent world 3. Demonstrate an understanding of the concept of culture and how different perspectives emerge from different cultures 4. Apply geographic knowledge, skills and concepts to understand human behavior in relation to the physical and cultural environment 5. Describe the relationships among the individual, the groups and the institutions which exist in any society and culture 6. Demonstrate knowledge of how people create rules and laws to regulate the dynamic relationships of individuals’ rights and societal needs 7. Apply concepts from the study of history, culture, economics and government to the understanding of the relationships among science, technology and society 8. Describe how people organize systems for the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services 9. Demonstrate an understanding of how ideals, principles and practices of citizenship have emerged over time and across cultures 10. Describe how the study of individual development and identify contributes to the understanding of human behavior 11. Demonstrate an understanding of major events and trends in world history, US and local history from all historical periods and from all the regions of the world 12. Locate the events, people and places they have studied in time and place relative to their own location 13. Explain relationships among the events and trends studied in local, national and world history |

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| STUDENT OBJECTIVES | **ASSESSMENT/CONTENT NOTES** |
| **A. The student will develop historical thinking skills, including chronological thinking and recognizing change over time;**  **contextualizing, comprehending and analyzing historical literature; researching historical sources; understanding the concept of historical causation; understanding competing narratives and**  **interpretation; and constructing narratives and interpretation.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Formulate** historical questions and hypotheses from multiple perspectives, using multiple sources 2. **Gather**, **analyze** and **reconcile** historical information, including contradictory data, from primary and secondary sources to support or reject hypotheses 3. **Interpret** oral traditions and legends as “histories” 4. **Evaluate** data within the historical, social, political and economic context in which it was created, testing its credibility and evaluating its bias 5. **Describe** the multiple intersecting causes of events 6. **Use** primary source documents to analyze multiple perspectives | **Historical Thinking** |
| **B. The student will use historical thinking skills to develop an understanding of the major historical periods, issues and trends in the United States history, world history and Connecticut and local history.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Demonstrate** an understanding of major historical periods and relate people and movements of different ages to one another. These periods, people, events, and movements include, but are not limited to:  * First peoples (10,000 BC to 1500 AD) * Encounters of people form the Americas, Western Europe and Western Africa (1440’s to 1763) * European colonization and settlement (1492-1763) * Revolution and the new nation (1754-1820’s) * Expansion and reform (1801-1861) * Civil war and reconstruction (1850-1877) * Development of the industrial United States (1870-1900) * Emergence of modern America (1890-1900) * The Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945) * Postwar United States (1945 to early 1970’s) * Contemporary United States (1968 to present) * The beginnings of human society Early civilizations and the emergence of the pastoral peoples (4000 BC-1000 BC) * Classical traditions, major religions and the giant empires (1000 BC-300 AD) * Expanding zones of exchange and encounter (300-1000 AD) * Intensified hemispheric interactions (1000-1500 AD) * Emergence of the first global age (1450-1770 AD) * An age of European prominence and revolutions (1750-1914 AD) * A half century of crisis and achievement (1900-1945 AD) * The 20th century since 1945- promise, paradoxes and challenges | **Local, United States and World History** |
| **C. The student will apply their understanding of historical periods, issues and trends to examine such historical themes as beliefs and institutions; conflict and conflict resolution; human movement and interaction; and science and technology in order to understand how the world came to be the way it is.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** basic tenets of the world   religions that have acted as major forces  throughout history, including, but not limited to, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam and Judaism and indigenous popular religions   1. **Give** examples of the visual arts, dance, music, theater and architecture of the major periods of history and explain what they indicate about values and beliefs of various societies 2. **Demonstrate** an understanding of the ways that cultural encounters and the interaction of people of different cultures in pre-modern as well as modern times have shaped new identities and ways of life 3. **Identify** various parties and analyze their interest in conflicts from selected historical periods 4. **Describe**, **explain** and **analyze** political, economic and social consequences that came about as a resolution of a conflict 5. **Demonstrate** an understanding of the ways race, gender, ethnicity and class issues have affected individuals and societies and economies 6. **Explain** how the use and expansion of trade have connected and affected the history of a global economy 7. **Evaluate** the economic and technological impact of the exchange of goods on societies throughout history 8. **Explain** the multiple forces and developments (cultural, political, economic and scientific) that have helped to connect the peoples of the world | **Historical Themes** |
| **D. The student will recognize the continuing importance of historical thinking and historical knowledge in their own lives and in the world in which they live.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Initiate** questions and hypotheses about historic events they are studying 2. **Describe** and **analyze**, using historical data and understandings, the options which are available to parties involved in contemporary conflicts or decision making 3. **Be active** learners at cultural institutions such as museums and historical exhibitions 4. **Display** empathy for people who have lived in the past 5. **Describe** relationships between historical subject matter and other subjects they study, current issues and personal concerns | **History** |
| **E. The student will apply knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, how the U.S. system of government works and how the rule of law and the values of liberty and equality have an impact on individual, local, state and national decisions.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Apply** an understanding of historical and contemporary conflicts over Constitutional principles 2. **Analyze** historical and contemporary conflicts through the respective roles of local, state and national government 3. **Explain** how the design of the U.S. Constitution is intended to balance and check the powers of the branches of government 4. **Analyze**, using historical and contemporary examples, the meaning and significance of the ideal of equal protection under the law for all persons 5. **Explain** why state and federal court powers of judicial reflect the United States ideas of constitutional government 6. **Evaluate** the contemporary roles of political parties, associations, media groups and public opinion in local, state and national politics | **US Constitution & Government** |
| **F. The student will demonstrate knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizens to participate in and shape public policy and contribute to the maintenance of our democratic way of life.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Evaluate** whether or when their obligations as citizens require that their personal desires, beliefs and interests be subordinated to the public good 2. **Identify** and **explain** characteristics needed for effective participation in public life 3. **Establish**, **explain** and **apply** criteria to evaluate rules and laws 4. **Monitor** and influence the formation and implementation of policy through various forms of participation 5. **Take** a position on a current policy issue and attempt to influence its formation, development and implementation | **Rights & Responsibilities of Citizens** |
| **G. The student will explain that political systems emanate from the need of humans for order, leading to compromise and the establishment of authority.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Evaluate** the importance of developing self-government so as to restrict arbitrary power 2. **Analyze** and **evaluate** the advantages and disadvantages of limited and unlimited government 3. **Compare** two or more constitutions and how they promote the principles of their respective political systems and provide the basis for government 4. **Describe** how constitutions may limit   government in order to protect individual rights and promote the common good   1. **Explain** how purposes served by   government have implications for the  individual and society   1. **Provide** examples of legitimate authority   and exercise of power without authority | **Political Systems** |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** how the United States influences other governments and international organizations and how the United States, in turn, is influenced by them 2. **Analyze** and **evaluate** the significance of major U.S. foreign policies and major international events and conditions over time 3. **Develop** proposals regarding solutions to significant international, political, economic, demographic or environmental issues 4. **Analyze** the respective roles of the executive and legislative branches in developing and implementing foreign policy 5. **Identify** and **analyze** the various domestic, political, economic and social interests which play roles in the development of foreign policy 6. **Describe** and **analyze** the process by which foreign policy decisions are developed and executed | **International Relations** |
| **The student will:**   1. **Explain** and **describe** the natural and cultural characteristics of one place to   distinguish it from another   1. **Apply** the concept of region to organize the   study of a complex problem   1. **Explain** that regions are interconnected   and may also overlap   1. **Explain** why places and regions are important to human and cultural identity   and stand as symbols for unifying society   1. **Analyze** ways different groups in society view places and regions differently | **Places & Regions** |
| **I. The student will use spatial perspective to explain the physical processes that shape the Earth’s surface and its ecosystem.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** regional variations of physical processes 2. **Explain** the operation and interaction of different natural systems (such as climate and oceans) to understand global change 3. **Analyze** the distribution of ecosystems by interpreting relationships between soil and climate, and plant and animal life 4. **Evaluate** ecosystems in terms of biodiversity and productivity and show how they are dynamic and interactive 5. **Draw** a freehand map of the world with continents (appropriate shape and size) located in relation to equator, tropics, circles and prime meridian 6. **Use** geographic tools to represent and interpret Earth’s physical and human systems | **Physical Systems** |
| **J. The student will interpret spatial patterns of human migration, economic activities and political units in Connecticut, the nation and the world.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Describe** the consequences of human population patterns and growth trends over time 2. **Explain** the characteristics, distribution and   relationships of economic systems at various levels   1. **Explain** and **analyze** how various   populations and economic elements  interact and influence the spatial patterns of settlement   1. **Explain** and **analyze** the causes in the political, social and economic division of the Earth’s surface at different scales 2. **Use** geographic tools to represent and interpret Earth’s physical and human systems 3. **Draw** a freehand map demonstrating political, cultural or economic relationships | **Human Systems** |
| **K. The student will use geographic tools and technology to explain the interaction of humans and the larger environment and the evolving consequences of those interactions.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Use** maps, globes, charts and databases to analyze and suggest solutions to real world problems 2. **Create** appropriate maps and other tools to solve, illustrate or answer geographic problems 3. **Analyze** how human systems interact, connect and cause changes in physical systems 4. **Locate** at least 50 major countries and physical features on a map or globe 5. **Apply** concepts of ecosystems to understand and solve environmental problems | **Human & Environmental Interaction** |
| **L. The student will demonstrate that because human, natural and capital resources are limited, individuals, households, businesses and governments must make choices.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Compare** the resources used by various   cultures, countries and/or regions throughout the world   1. **Analyze** the impact of economic choices   on the allocations of scarce resources   1. **Explain** that a country’s potential Gross Domestic Product depends on the 2. **Quantity** and **quality** of natural resources, the size and skills of the population and the amount and quality of its capital stock 3. **Define**, **defend** and **predict** how the use of specific resources may impact the future 4. **Analyze** how technological change can affect long-range productivity 5. **Analyze** how market forces and government regulation impact the use of resources | **Limited Resources** |
| **M. The student will demonstrate that various economic systems coexist and that economic decisions are made by individuals and/or governments, influenced by markets, cultural traditions, individuals and governments in the allocation of goods and services.** |  |
| **ENABLING OUTCOMES** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Evaluate** economic systems by their ability to achieve broad societal ARCHDIOCESAN STANDARDS/GOALS, such as efficiency, equity, security, employment, stability and economic growth 2. **Identify** and **explain** the factors that determine and cause changes in demand, supply and the market-clearing (equilibrium) price 3. **Compare** and **contrast** the characteristics and effects of different market structures, including pure competition, monopolistic competition, oligopoly and monopoly (chart, table, essay, etc.) 4. **Internet** important statistics about the national economy: the inflation rate, unemployment rate, Gross Product and its   growth rate   1. **Understand** the causes and effects of periods of growth and recession evident in   the history of market economies   1. **Analyze** the impact of government taxing   and spending actions and changes in the  money supply and interest rates on the national economy   1. **Compare** and **contrast** different types of taxes, including progressive, regressive and proportional taxes (chart, table, essay, etc.) 2. **Explain** reasons for government action in the economy, including providing public goods and services, maintaining competition, redistributing income, promoting employment, stabilizing prices and sustaining reasonable rates of economic growth 3. **Analyze** the impact of specific government actions in the economy on different groups, including consumers, employees and businesses | **Economic Systems** |
| **N. The student will demonstrate how the exchange of goods and services by individuals, groups and nations creates economic interdependence and how trade results in change.** |  |
| **The student will:**   1. **Illustrate** the international differences in resources, productivity and prices that are a basis for international trade 2. **Evaluate** the effects of national policies (e.g., on trade, immigration and foreign investments, as well as fiscal and monetary policies) on the international exchange of goods, services and investments 3. **Explain** that a nation has a comparative advantage when it can produce a product at a lower opportunity cost than its trading partner | **Economic Interdependence** |

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| **Suggested Cross Curricular and Catholic Social Teaching Links**  **Grades Nine-Twelve** |
| * As students express opinions in class discussions of current events, they are encouraged to comment on world events in terms of Catholic social teaching. (Social Studies, Religion, Oral Language) * Students read and discuss novels that deal with social issues (*To Kill a Mockingbird, One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, The Secret Life of Bees),* reflect on characters and events in light of what they have learned about the dignity of every human person. (Religion, History, Literature) * Students research topics for essays in science, history, geography, observing copyright laws, thus respecting the rights and dignity of others. (History, Geography, Science, Religion, Reading) * Students read a variety of texts describing American involvement in wars throughout its history and determine how they can work for peace. (History, Religion, Reading) * Students use dialect in written creative work, demonstrating their appreciation of and respect for human diversity and dignity. (Religion, Social Studies) * Students write letters that support human dignity and the sacredness of life to political leaders and/or newspapers, helping to create a moral vision for their communities. (Religion, Social Studies) * Students create graphs describing the inequality of the consumption of the world’s resources and design service projects that address local and global injustice. (Math, Religion, Social Studies, Science) * As students express opinions in class discussions of current events, they are encouraged to comment on world events in terms of Catholic social teaching. (Social Studies, Religion, Oral Language) |

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**SOCIAL STUDIES HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

**TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION**

Social studies teachers in the Archdiocese of Hartford are strongly encouraged to utilize computer technology within their curriculum. There is a multitude of resources available on the Internet related to the study of economics, ethnic and gender studies, geography, government, history, political science, psychology and sociology. Working alone or in small groups, students can use the Internet for research, develop Power Point presentations for a class, and engage in joint projects with students in other parts of the world, just to name a few examples.

Using the computer as a teaching tool, a teacher can diversify the curriculum, individualize instruction, and provide constructionist learning experiences for students. Computer technology also makes it easier to engage in interdisciplinary approaches to curriculum development; giving students the opportunity to experience the interconnectedness of various disciplines while working on a common theme or complex problem.

The list of websites that follows is a representative sample of sites form a manual developed in the spring of 1999, by Nancy Manoni and Sharyn Siegel of Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury. The manual is entitled *Websites for the Classroom: A User-friendly Resource Manual for Teaching and Learning with Today’s Technology, Social Studies Department- Book 6.* This manual has been distributed to all Archdiocesan high schools and includes a description of each website. Many of these websites (URL) are ready-to-go lesson plans.

NOTE: These URL’s were researched in 1999. Some of these may no longer be in operation or may have moved to a new URL.

Should you have difficulty finding the types of resources you want on the internet, please consult with your school’s librarian/media center director.

**Teacher’s Reference and General Information**

Tri Rivers Education Computer Assn. <http://www.treca.org>

Knowledge In, Knowledge Out <http://www/kiko.org>

Eboard <http://www.eboard.com>

New England Regional Tech Ed. Ctr. <http://www.neirtec.org>

North Central Regional Tech Ed. Ctr. <http://wwwncrtec.org>

Teachers Helping Teachers <http://www.pacificnet/~mandel/>

CCCNet <http://www.ccnet.com/>

Developing Educational Standards <http://www.putwest.boces.org/Standards.html>

Online Internet Institute <http://www.oii.org>

Cisco Educational archives (CEARCH) <http://sunsite.unc.ecu:80/cisco/index.html>

AskERIC <http://ericir.syr.edu>

The Global School Net Foundation <http://www.gsn.org>

Technology in the Classroom <http://www.wam.umd.edu/~mlhall/teaching.html>

Pathways to School Improvement <http://www.ncrel.org/ncrel/sdrs/pathwayg.html>

Mustang <http://www.mustang.coled.umn.edu>

Knowledge Integration Environment <http://www.kie.berkeley.edu/KIE.html>

Busy Teachers’ Website <http://www.ceismc.gatech.edu/BusyT/>

Wall Street Journal <http://www.wsj.com/classroom/>

Pitsco Website <http://www.pitsco.com>

Education World <http://www.education-world.com>

Adventures in Education <http://www.tgslc.org>

Classroom Connect’s G.R.A.D.E.S. <http://www.classroom.com/grades>

**American Government**

The White House <http://www.whitehouese.gov>

The Library of Congress <http://www.lcweb.loc.gov>

Legislative Info on the Net <http://www.thomas.loc.gov>

U.S. Senate <http://www.senate.gov>

U.S. House of Representatives <http://www.house.gov>

USDA Forest Service <http://www.fd.fed.us/>

Thomas Jefferson <http://www.thomas.loc.gov>

FBI <http://www.fbi.gov>

U.S. Department of Agriculture <http://www.usda.gov/usda.htm>

U.S. Federal Courts <http://www.uscourts.gov/>

State and Local Governments <http://www.lcweb.loc.gov/global/state/stategov.html>

Fed World (gov’t documents) <http://www.fedworld.gov/>

U.S. Department of State <http://www.state.gov/index.html>

Welcome to the Republican Main Street <http://www/rnc.org>

Welcome to Democratic Caucus <http://dcaucusweb.house.org>

Your Real Friends in Washington <http://pathfinder.com/@@UtroHgUAr3q97mrE/money/features/congress/>

Central Intelligence Agency <http://www.odci.gov/cia>

Project Vote Smart <http://wwwvote-smart.org/>

The Unofficial Guide to Congress <http://policy.net/capweb/congress.html>

**American History**

Colonial Williamsburg <http://www.history.org>

American Civil War Home Page <http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war>

Black History Month <http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/BHM/AfroAm.html>

Women’s Suffrage in America <http://www.rochester.edu/SBA/95-75>

Chicano Latino Net <http://latino.sscnet.ucla.edu>

A-Bomb WWW Museum <http://www.cs.ad.jp/ABOMB>

American Civil War Info Archive [http://www.access.digex.net/`bdboyle/cw.html](http://www.access.digex.net/%60bdboyle/cw.html)

American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library

<http://rs6.loc.gov/amhome.html>

America’s West <http://wwwAmericanWest.com>

Anti-Imperialism in the U.S. 1898-1935 [http://home.ican.net/`fjzwick/ail98-35.html](http://home.ican.net/%60fjzwick/ail98-35.html)

Ask the Amish <http://www.800padutch.com/askamish.html>

At Home in the Heartland <http://www.museum.state.il.us/exhibits/athome/welcome.html>

Civil War Photograph Collection <http://rs6.loc.gov/cwphome.html>

Encyclopedia Smithsonian <http://www.si.edu/resource/faq>

FedWorld Information Network <http://www.fedworld.gov>

History Place <http://www.historyplace.com>

Hypertext of American History <http://odur.let.rug.nl~welling/usa/revolution.html>

Vietnam: There Really is a War <http://grunt.space.swri.edu:80/tbomblet.htm>

World War I: Trenches on the Web <http://worldwar1.com>

History Buff’s Home Page <http://historybufff.com>

The U.S. Holocaust Museum <http://www.ushm.org>

American Civil War Home Page <http://funnelweb.utcc.utk.edu/~hoemann/cwarhp.html>

**Ancient Civilizations**

Ancient Sites <http://www.AncientSites.com>

Argos: Limited Area Search of the Ancient & Medieval Internet

<http://argos.evansville.edu>

Encyclopedia Mythica <http://www.pantheon.org/mythica>

Exploring Ancient World Cultures <http://eawc.evansville.edu/index.htm>

Flints & Stones: Real Life in Prehistory <http://www.ncl.ac.uk/~nantiq/menu.html>

Ice Ages

[http://www.museum.state.il.us/exhibits/ice ages/index.html](http://www.museum.state.il.us/exhibits/ice%20ages/index.html)

Mark Millmore’s Ancient Egypt Page <http://www.scriptorium.org/odyssey/>

Seven Wonders of the Ancient World <http://pharos.bu.edu.Egypt/Wonders>

Viking Age

[http://www.luth.se/luth/present/sweden/history/viking age/Viking age1.html](http://www.luth.se/luth/present/sweden/history/viking%20age/Viking%20age1.html)

Ancient Olympics <http://olympics.tufts.edu/>

The Perseus Project <http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/>

Empires Beyond the Great Wall: The Heritage of Genghis Khan

<http://vvv.com/khan/>

**Asian Studies & Culture**

Body Language & gestures in Asia & the Pacific <http://worldculture.com/gesturea.htm>

Chinese Calligraphy <http://tqjunior.advanced.org/3614>

Chinese Historical & Cultural Project <http://www.chcp.org/>

Living in Tokyo is… <http://cyberfair.gsn.org/smis/contents.html>

Teaching (and Learning) About Japan <http://www.csuohio.edu.history/japan.html>

Asian Virtual Library of the University of New Orleans <http://ss.uno.edu/SS/Shist/LibraryHP.html>

Chinese Festivals <http://www.baxter.net/edunet/cat/chinafest/chinesef.html>

Chinese Recipes

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/%7Emjw/recipes/ethnic/chinese/chinese.html>

Teaching East Asia: Lesson Plans

<http://www/easc.indiana.edu/pages/easc/curriculum/eastasia/1998/toc3.html>

**Current Events**

Amnesty International <http://www.amnesty.org/campaign/index.html>

Central Europe Online <http://www.centraleurope.com>

CNN Interactive <http://www.cnn.com>

National Public Radio <http://www.npr.org>

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty <http://www.rferl.org>

The Petersburg Times <http://www.spb.su/times/171-172/index.html>

Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/>

Greenpeace International Home Page <http://www.greenpeace.org/greenpeace.html>

International Communication & Negotiation Simulations

<http://www.bsos.umd.edu/icons/icons.html>

Electronic Newsstand <http://www.enews.com>

European Union Member States’ News Sources <http://library.gmu.edu/euro/news.html>

CRAYON: Create Your Own Newspaper <http://crayon.net/>

The Positive Press: Good News Every Day <http://www.positivepress.com>

USA Today <http://www.usatoday.com>

**Economics**

Financial Times <http://www.ft.com/>

EcEdWeb: Economics Resources for K-12 Teachers <http://ecedweb.unomaha.edu/teach.html>

GNN/Koblas Currency Converter <http://www.leeming.wa.edu.au/WWWTour/local/busi>

Nat’l Institute for Consumer Education <http://www.emich.edu/public.coe/nice/nice.html>

Bureau of Engraving & Printing <http://www.bep.treas.gov/>

Currency Comparison Page <http://wimmera.net.au/CurrComp/CurrComp.html>

Euro <http://europa.eu.int.euro/>

EduStock <http://library.advanced.org/3088/>

The Inflation Calculator <http://www.westegg.com/inflation>

Money Curriculum Unit <http://woodrow.mpls.frb.fed.us/econed/curric/money.html>

Sovereign Bank Presents: KidsBank.Com! <http://www.kidsbank.com/>

Center for Community Economic Research: National Budget Simulation

<http://garnet.berkeley.edu:3333/budget/budget-1.html>

The Minimum Wage <http://www.dol.gov/dol/esa/public/minwage/main.htm>

Virtual Library: Finance and Investment <http://www.cob.ohio-state.edu/dept/fin/overview.htm>

Quicken.com <http://quicken.com>

Discussion Central: Social Security Info <http://disccent.com/socsec/info.html>

About the SEC <http://www.sec.gov/aboutsec.htm>

**Ethnic Issues**

Guide to Museums & Cultural Resources <http://www.Iam.mus.ca/us/webmuseums/>

Latino Link <http://www.latinolink.com>

Multicultural Home Page <http://pature.ecn.purdue.edu/~agenhtm1/agenmc/>

Photo Tour of the Civil Rights Movement <http://www.seattletimes.com/mlk/movement/PT/phototour.html>

Resources for Teaching about the Americas <http://ladb.unm.edu/retanet/plans/>

Universal Black Pages <http://www.ubp.com>

The Web of Culture <http://wwwworldculture.com/>

Intercultural Email Classroom Connections <http://www.stolaf.edu/network/iecc/>

Resources for Diversity <http://alabanza.com/Kabacoff/InterLinks/diversity.html>

**General Social Studies Sites**

Americans Communicating Electronically <gopher://ace.esuda.gov/>

Big Sky Social Studies Lesson Plans

<Gopher://bvsd.k12.co.us:70/11/Educational> Resources/Lesson Plans/Big%20Sky/social studies

H-Net <gopher://gopher.uic.edu/>

1960s Timeline <gopher://gopher.well.sf.ca.us:70/11/Community/60sTimeline>

Television News Archive <gopher://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/>

National Council for Social Studies <mailto:listproc2@bgu.edu>

Today in History <mailto:majordomo@pobox.com>

Schools of California Online Resources for Education <http://www.rims.k12.ca.us/SCORE/>

The History/Social Studies web site for K-12 teachers <http://www.execpc.com/~dboals/boals.html>

National Council for the Social Studies <http://www.ncss.org/online/>

Splash Kids’ Online Magazine <http://www.splash.com>

**Global Studies and Geography**

Guide to Australia <http://www.csu.edu.au/education/australia.html>

Tropical Rainforest in Suriname

<http://www2.euronet.nl/users/mbleeker/suriname/suri-eng.html>

Lovely Planet <http://www.lonelyplanet.com>

African Studies [http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African studies/AS.html](http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African%20studies/AS.html)

Asian Studies Virtual Library <http://coombs.anu.edu.au.WWWVLAsian/VLAbout.html>

Central Europe Online <http://www.centraleurope.com/>

Europe Online <http://www.europeonline.com/>

Culture Quest <http://www.ipl.org/youth/cquest/>

Revelations from the Russian Archives <http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/archives/intro.html>

ArabNet <http://www.arab.net/welcome.html>

Arabian Business and Cultural Guide <http://www.teleport.com/exportc/arabiz.htm>

University of Texas Middle East Network Information Center

<http://menic.utexas.edu/mes.html>

Hajj, Pilgrimage Chapter

<http://www.unn.ac.uk/societies/islamic/about/islam/hajj.htm>

Electronic Field Trip to the United Nations <http://www.pbs.org/tal/un/index.html>

18th Century Resources <http://www.english.upenn.edu/~jlynch/18thl>

War Times Journal <http://www.wtj.com/>

Russia Today <http://www.russiatoday.com/>

Non-Western History <http://www.execpc.com/~dboals/hist.html>

Newspapers on the Net

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/Library/Resources/Newspapers/index.html>

Latin America on the Net <http://www.latinworld.com/>

Journey to Japan <http://teams.lacoe.edu/japan/text.html>

Treasures of the Czars <http://lawlib.wuacc.edu/czars/czars.html>

The Middle Ages <http://www.byu.edu/ipt/projects/middleages/intro.html>

Rainforest Action Network <http://www.ran.org/ran/>

U.S. Census Bureau-U.S. Gazetter <http://census.gov/cgi-bin/gazetter>

Perry-Castaneda Library Map Collection

[http://www.libutexas.edu/Libs/PCL/MAP collection/map collection.html](http://www.libutexas.edu/Libs/PCL/MAP%20collection/map%20collection.html)

Excite Travel <http://www.city.net/>

Africa: The Art of a Continent <http://www.artnetweb.com/guggenheim/africa/>

Amazon Adventure <http://vif27.icair.iac.org.nz/about/contents.htm>

Altapedia Online <http://www.altapedia.com>

E-Conflict <http://www.emulateme.com>

Flags of the World <http://www.imagesoft.net/flags/flags.html>

Flags of the World <http://www.globalserve.net/~photodsk/flags/flags.html>

Geo-Globe <http://library.advanced.org/10157/geoglobe.html>

GlobaLearn <http://www.globalearn.org>

Great Globe Gallery <http://hum.amu.edu.pl/~zbzw/glob/glob1.htm>

Guide to Australia <http://www.csu.edu.au/australia/index.html>

Mapmaker, Mapmaker, Make Me a Map <http://oki.ur.utk.edu/edu/ut2kids/maps/map.html>

Ethnologue Database <http://www.sil.org/ethnologue/>

Map Machine <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/resources/ngo/maps>

World Safari <http://www.supersurf.com/>

United Nations Home Page <http://www.un.org>

**Newsgroups**

<URL:news:alt.history>

<URL:news:alt.history.living>

<URL:news:alt.politics>

<URL:news:alt.politics.economics>

<URL:news:alt.society>

<URL:news:k12.ed.soc-studies>

<URL:news:bit.listserv.geography>

<URL:news:bit.listserv.history>

<URL:news:sci.anthropology>

<URL:news:sci.archaeology>

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**Women Studies**

Women in American History <http://women.eb.com/women/studyguide/index.html>

Women in the West <http://scholar.library.csi.cuny.edu/westweb/pages/women.html>

Women’s History <http://womenshistory.minigco.com/msub3.htm>

**Sharing Catholic Social Teaching**

**Selected Resources**

**Background for Teachers and Reading**

**Materials for Older Students**

* Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church (Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace; Order through USCCB, 1/800-235-8722). Provides a complete and systematic overview of the Church’s social teaching with an extensive index for easy reference on almost any topic.
* A Place at the Table: A Catholic Recommitment to Overcome Poverty and to Protect the Dignity of All God’s Children (USCCB, 1/800-235-8722). The U.S. bishops remind us that central to our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ is our concern for those who are poor or suffering.
* Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility (USCCB, 1/800/235-8722) The 2003 bishops’ statement includes Church teaching about civic participation, as well as the Church’s position on a range of issues.
* The Challenge of Faithful Citizenship (USCCB, 1/800/235-8722) This two-color brochure summarizes the bishops’ statement, Faithful Citizenship: A Catholic Call to Political Responsibility and includes “Question for the Campaign” for voters and candidates.
* Sharing Catholic Social Teaching: Challenges and Directions (USCCB, 800/235-8722) A statement of the U.S. bishops urging that Catholic social teaching be incorporated into every Catholic educational program. Identifies seven key themes of Catholic social teaching.
* A Leader’s Guide to Sharing Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Step-by-step process to help catechetical leaders and other adults explore Catholic social teaching. Includes camera-ready handouts.
* Leaven for the Modern World: Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Education (National Catholic Education Association, 202/337-6232) A resource designed to help educators at the secondary level deepen their understanding of Catholic social teaching and explore ways to share it with young people.
* Everyday Christianity: To Hunger and Thirst for Justice (USCCB, 202/835-8722) The most important way lay Catholics work for justice and peace is through their choices and actions every day.
* Brothers and Sisters to Us/Nuestros Hermanos y Hermanas (USCCB, 800/235-8722) The U.S. bishops promote discussion and action against racism.
* The Challenge of Peace (USCCB, 800/235-8722) U.S. bishops’ landmark pastoral on nuclear weapons and the arms race.
* Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Calls U.S. Catholics to recover their identity as followers of Jesus Christ and to be leaders in the renewal of U.S. respect for the sanctity of life.
* Sharing the Light of Faith: An Official Commentary (USCCB, Department of Education, 800/235-8722) Chapter VII explores Catholic social teaching and guidelines on catechesis for social ministry.
* Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action (USCCB, 800/235-9722) This statement recognizes programs in dioceses, parishes and schools across the country.
* Economic Justice for All: Pastoral Letter on Catholic Social Teaching and the U.S. Economy by the U.S. bishops (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Resources such as posters and suggestions for using the pastoral letters in the classroom.
* Renewing the Earth (National Catholic Rural Life Conference, 515/270-2634) Study guides for children, teens and adults on the bishops’ environment statement. Materials for Classroom and Small Groups
* In the Footsteps of Jesus: Resource Manual on Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB, 800/253-8722) Provides background reading, lesson plans for all ages, camera-ready resource, and other tools. Designed to be used with the video, *In the Footsteps of Jesus*.
* From the Ground Up: Teaching Catholic Social Principles in Elementary Schools (National Catholic Education Association, 202/337-6232) A faculty preparation guide that includes a process for faculty development and sample activities for sharing the seven key themes of Catholic social in grades K through 8.
* Excerpts from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching (USCCB, 800/253-8722) An easy to distribute card summarizing the seven themes of Catholic social teaching. Also available as a poster.
* Making a Place at the Table (USCCB, 1/800235-8722) A brief, compelling, four-panel brochure summarizing the bishops’ statement on poverty.
* That’s Not Fair! (Tom Turner, Bishop Sullivan Center, 816-231-0984) A complete kit with exercises and handouts to teach middle school students about Catholic social doctrine, culminating in an advocacy/lobbying project on a social justice issue.
* Lesson Plans on Poverty (www.povertyusa.org). Lesson plans for grades K-12 and adults developed by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
* A Catholic Framework for Economic Life (USCCB, 800/235-8722) A card containing ten key principles of Catholic social teaching on economic life.
* Catholic Call to Justice: An Activity Book for Raising Awareness of Social Justice Issues (www.usccb.org/CCHD) A lesson plan designed for ages 14-22 to experience through an obstacle course the major themes of Catholic social teaching.
* Teaching Resources on Sweatshops & Child Labor (Archdiocese of Newark, 973-497-4000) A complete kit including video, background materials, and classroom exercises and handouts to help educators teach about sweatshops and child labor.
* Integrating Catholic Social Teaching in the High School Curriculum: English and Religion (University of St. Thomas, 651-962-5712) A curriculum resource developed by Catholic high school educators.
* Building God’s Kingdom: Implementing Catholic Social Teaching—Resources and Activities for Grades K – 12 (Religious Education Dept., Diocese of Toledo, 419/244-6711) Resources for schools and religious education programs.
* A Good Friday Appeal to End the Death Penalty (USCCB, 800/235-8722) A brochure containing the U.S. bishops’ 1999 statement urging abolition of the death penalty.
* Sharing the Tradition, Shaping the Future (Catholic Campaign for Human Development, 800/541-3212). A small group workbook on seven themes of Catholic social teaching.
* Educating for Peace and Justice: Religious Dimensions, Grades 7-1 2 and Grades K-6 by James McGinnis (Institutes for Peace and Justice, 314/533-4445)
* Food Fast (Catholic Relief Services, 800/222-0025) Free materials include a detailed coordinator’s manual with an outline for a 24-hour fast and activities that can be used in a classroom setting to explore issues of hunger and poverty.
* Math for a Change/Math for a World that Rocks (Mathematical Teachers’ Association, 847/827-1361) Two booklets that use situations of injustice to apply or illustrate mathematics for grades 8-12.
* Offering of Letters Kit and other resources (Bread for the World, 301/608-2400)
* Operation Rice Bowl (Catholic Relief Services, 800/222-0025) Lenten program of fasting, education, almsgiving and prayer. The free materials include a video and religious educator’s guide.
* Videos *In the Footsteps of Jesus* (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Part I (9 minutes): A compelling overview of seven key themes of Catholic social teaching. Part II (19 minutes): A more in-depth illustration of the seven themes highlighting people who have lived them.
* Faithful Citizenship (USCCB, 800/235-8722) Great for small groups and classes, an appealing video message about the Catholic tradition of political responsibility.
* Global Solidarity (USCCB, 800/235-8722) The U.S. bishops’ message of solidarity with our brothers and sisters throughout the world.
* Sisters and Brothers Among Us (Catholic Campaign for Human Development, 202/541-3212) A 16-minute video that tells the story of poverty through the faces and voices of the poor.

**Web Sites –**

* [www.usccb.org/sdwp](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp) -- The USCCB Department of Social Development and World Peace website—background information and action alerts on a variety of domestic and international issues, as well as general information on educating for justice and political responsibility.
* [www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship](http://www.usccb.org/faithfulcitizenship) --Provides statements from the U.S. bishops and a wide range of resources, including lesson plans for all ages on Faithful Citizenship, Solidarity, Human Dignity, and the Option for the Poor.
* [www.catholicrelief.org/what/advocacy--Up-to-date](http://www.catholicrelief.org/what/advocacy--Up-to-date) information on international public policy issues and how you and your students can act.
* [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/programs/advocacy](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/programs/advocacy) ---Up-to date information on domestic public policy issues and how you and your students can act. Includes a special section for children/youth and for teachers and catechists.
* [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) --Extensive information on poverty in the United States, including lesson plans.
* [www.educationforjustice.org](http://www.educationforjustice.org) --The Center of Concern offers a wide range of educational materials on issues of justice and peace. Membership fee required.
* [www.osjspm.org](http://www.osjspm.org) --The Office for Social Justice of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis offers a variety of first rate resources for justice education, including an annotated bibliography and information on models and ideas from their Catholic Justice Educator’s Network.
* [www.stthomas.edu/cathstudies/cst/educ](http://www.stthomas.edu/cathstudies/cst/educ) -- The University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN offers a clearinghouse of resources and models for weaving Catholic social teaching into education programs at all levels.