



**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
Elementary School: Grade 1

**Essential Course Information**

- Course Revision
- Full Year

**Course Overview**

With a strong sense of self developed in the previous grade, this course guides students to take a step outside of themselves to develop an understanding of everyone's role and responsibility in society. This includes the intimate community structures in our classrooms and the larger structures in our communities and world. Through their exploration, students will develop an appreciation for the diverse world we live in. This course ends with a unit on economics, to begin developing the skills needed to be productive and conscious citizens.

Unit	Estimated Class Time	Overview
Unit 1 <a href="#">Our School, Our Community</a>	10 weeks	In this first unit, students will develop an understanding of community and the roles and responsibilities of each individual in a community.
Unit 2 <a href="#">Cultural Traditions</a>	10 weeks	In this unit, students will foster an appreciation and respect for cultures and cultural traditions, while developing a deeper understanding of their own culture and our collective American culture.
Unit 3 <a href="#">Past and Present</a>	8 weeks	In this unit, students will study how life changes throughout time.
Unit 4 <a href="#">Looking at Our World</a>	8 weeks	In this unit, students will use geographic tools and concepts to read maps, locate places in the world, and understand the changing seasons.
Unit 5 <a href="#">Economics</a>	4 weeks	In this unit, students will use economic concepts to determine the differences between needs and wants as well as goods and services.

# Content Continuum

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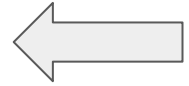
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## **INSTRUCTIONAL / SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS**

1. Textbook: Savvas My World!
2. Supplemental readings and online resources to enhance understanding of course content and skills:
  - The NJ Amistad Commission
  - Learning for Justice
3. All existing resources will be evaluated for alignment to new curriculum.

## **KEY FEATURES OF REVISION**

- Social studies curriculum was last revised in 2018.
- Student access to digital resources has expanded greatly.
- Alignment to the 2022 NJSL Social Studies.
- Integration of diverse texts within the curriculum.
- Incorporations of activities and assessments that develop 21st century skills.

***Differentiation strategies will be included***

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