



SOCIAL STUDIES
Elementary School: Grade 3

Essential Course Information

- > Course Revision
- > Full Year

Course Overview

The course of study includes a varied and broad overview of being active citizens who can identify their history and role(s) within the global community. Students will explore how to be a functioning citizen on a local and global level and use those skills in exploring the differences in geography and climate in a global setting. Students will gain an understanding of the branches and levels of government on a local, state, and federal level. In addition, students will understand the foundation of their country, while sharing and celebrating diverse cultures. The units set forth will engage students, promote critical thinking and reasoning, all while utilizing technology. This course of study will be cross curricular, as students will utilize and apply various genres of text and media resources to their mastery of the unit.

Unit	Estimated Class Time	Overview
Unit 1 <u>Citizenship</u>	8 weeks	Students will identify citizenship, rules, laws, and how those concepts create, relate to, and influence their community/world.
Unit 2 <u>Branches of Government</u>	8 weeks	Students will identify the three branches of government, and their functions, on the local, state, and federal levels.
Unit 3 <u>Levels of Government</u>	8 weeks	Students will identify the levels of government in relation to local, state and federal branches of government.
Unit 4 <u>Our World: Geography, People, and Environment</u>	8 weeks	Students will identify various types of maps to understand their location in the world and how as areas differ in terms of landforms, climate, and natural resources depending on where it is found on Earth.
Unit 5 <u>Celebrating Cultural Diversity</u>	8 weeks	Students will identify and analyze how people's lives are shaped by their culture and learn how to appreciate the diversity that other cultures represent.

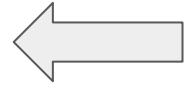
Content Continuum

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Grade 4 Social Studies-New Jersey History

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 NJSLS 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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