

Norwood Public Schools

Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum

Description:

This course examines the Ancient Greece and Rome and makes connections to US History and the origins of American Democracy.

Learning Objectives:

- Students will consider how societies from the past have shaped and continued to shape our own lives.
- Students will improve their reading, writing, research, thinking and presentation skills so that they can reach their full potential.

Learning Experience

Geography Skills

- Map Reading (Ancient and Modern maps)
- Scale
- Direction

Presentation Skills

- Oral and Visual Presentations
- Group and Individual Presentation

Research Skills

- Use of library
- Use of Internet
- Use of Primary and Secondary Sources
- Use of multiple sources to reach a likely conclusion

Content Outline:

Ancient Greece

- Development of polises (city-states)
- Olympian gods and mythology
- Persian War
- Athens and Sparta
- Peloponnesian War
- Olympics
- Alexander the Great and Hellenism
- Development of Democracy

Ancient Rome

- Rome's beginnings
- The Roman Republic
- Fall of the Republic

- Early Empire
- Major rulers (Julius Caesar, Augustus, Nero)
- Daily life in Rome
- Fall of Rome

US History

- Origins of American Democracy (connected to Greece/Rome)
- The 13 Colonies
- The American Revolution

Resources Used:

Textbook (Journey Across Time: The Early Ages)

Textbook CD

Novels (*The River* by Gary Paulsen, *Legend of Pharaoh's Tomb* by Allen Jones, *The Giver* by Lois Lowery)

Current Event and *Junior Scholastic* Magazines

United Streaming videos

Teacher-Created US History Resources