

SOCIAL STUDIES OVERVIEW
GRADE: SEVENTH
Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A

What is the story a seventh grader is able to tell by the end of the year?

Times and conditions impact the structure and functions of government. The government of the United States emerged and evolved over time. There is a balance of powers within the United States government. As citizens of the United States we have basic human rights, roles and responsibilities. Perspectives on conflicts and resolutions differ among individuals, groups and societies.

Units of Study	Inquiry Skills	Civics	Economics	Geography	History
<p>UNIT ONE Responsive Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation • Colonization • Conflict & Compromise 	<p>Constructing Essential Questions Create essential questions to help guide inquiry about a topic.</p> <p>Ask essential and focusing questions that will lead to independent research.</p> <p>Evaluating Sources Determine sources representing multiple points of view that will assist in organizing a research plan.</p> <p>Determine credibility of sources based upon their origin, authority, and context.</p> <p>Identify evidence from multiple sources to support claims, noting its limitations.</p> <p>Communicating Conclusions Construct explanations using reasoning, correct sequence, examples, and details, while acknowledging their strengths and</p>	<p>Civics & Political Institutions Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives.</p> <p>Participation and Deliberation Compare the means by which individuals and groups change societies, promote the common good, and protect rights.</p> <p>Analyze ideas and principles contained in the founding documents of the United States and other countries, and explain how they influence the social and political system.</p>	<p>Economic Decision Making Explain how external benefits and costs influence choices.</p> <p>The National and Global Economy Explain barriers to trade and how those barriers influence trade among nations.</p> <p>Financial Literacy Identify how people choose to buy goods and services while still maintaining a budget based on income, taxes, savings, and fixed and variable expenses.</p> <p>Explain the correlation between investors, investment options (and associated risks), and income/wealth.</p>	<p>Graphic Representations Use mapping and graphing to represent and analyze spatial patterns of different environmental and cultural characteristics</p> <p>Human-Environment Interaction Compare and contrast the cultural and environmental characteristics of different places or regions.</p> <p>Global Interconnections Explain how global changes in population distribution patterns affect changes in land use.</p>	<p>Change & Continuity Analyze connections among events and developments in broader historical contexts.</p> <p>Perspectives Analyze multiple factors that influenced the perspectives of people during different historical eras.</p> <p>Historical Sources and Evidence Detect possible limitations in the historical record based on evidence collected from different kinds of historical sources.</p> <p>Argumentation Compare the central historical arguments in secondary works across multiple media.</p>

weaknesses.

Argumentation
Critique the structure and credibility of arguments and explanations (self and others).

Taking Informed Action
Assess individual and collective capacities to take action to address problems and identify potential outcomes.

<p>UNIT TWO Rights & Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining Documents • Balance of Powers • Roles & Responsibilities 	<p>Repeated from Unit One</p>	<p>Civics and Political Institutions Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives.</p> <p>Explain the origins, functions, and structure of government with reference to the U.S. Constitution, Illinois Constitution, and other systems of government.</p> <p>Participation and Deliberation Compare the means by which individuals and groups change societies, promote the common good, and protect rights.</p> <p>Analyze ideas and principles contained in the founding documents of the United States and other countries, and explain how they influence the social and political system.</p>	<p>Economic Decision Making Explain how external benefits and costs influence choices.</p>	<p>Addressed in Unit One</p>	<p>Change & Continuity Analyze connections among events and developments in broader historical contexts.</p> <p>Perspectives Analyze multiple factors that influenced the perspectives of people during different historical eras.</p> <p>Historical Sources and Evidence Detect possible limitations in the historical record based on evidence collected from different kinds of historical sources.</p> <p>Argumentation Compare the central historical arguments in secondary works across multiple media.</p>
--	--------------------------------------	---	---	-------------------------------------	--

<p>UNIT THREE Conflicts (Causation & Resolution)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion • Civil Unrest 	<p>Repeated from Unit One</p>	<p>Civic and Political Institutions Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives.</p> <p>Participation and Deliberation Compare the means by which individuals and groups change societies, promote the common good, and protect rights.</p> <p>Processes, Rules and Laws Analyze the purposes, implementation, and consequences of public policies in historic and contemporary settings.</p>	<p>Economic Decision Making Explain how external benefits and costs influence choices.</p> <p>Exchange and Markets Describe the roles of institutions such as corporations, non-profits, and labor unions in a market economy.</p> <p>The National & Global Economy Explain barriers to trade and how those barriers influence trade among nations.</p> <p>Financial Literacy Identify how people choose to buy goods and services while still maintaining a budget based on income, taxes, savings, and fixed and variable expenses.</p> <p>Explain the correlation between investors, investment options (and associated risks), and income/wealth.</p>	<p>Human-Environment Interaction Compare and contrast the cultural and environmental characteristics of different places or regions.</p> <p>Spatial Patterns and Movement Explain how changes in transportation and communication influence the spatial connections among human settlements and affect the spread of ideas and culture</p> <p>Global Interconnections Explain how global changes in population distribution patterns affect changes in land use.</p>	<p>Change & Continuity Analyze connections among events and developments in broader historical contexts.</p> <p>Perspectives Analyze multiple factors that influenced the perspectives of people during different historical eras.</p> <p>Historical Sources & Evidence Detect possible limitations in the historical record based on evidence collected from different kinds of historical sources.</p> <p>Argumentation Compare the central historical arguments in secondary works across multiple media.</p>