

IA_Core Curriculum - Social Studies (2010)

Intermediate

Content Area 1 Behavioral sciences include, but are not limited to, the areas of sociology, anthropology and psychology. In addressing these disciplines the actions and reactions of humans are studied through observational and experimental methods.

Concept or Skill 1.1 Understand the changing nature of society.

Details and Examples 1.1.a Understand various institutions, ideas, values and behavior patterns change over time.

Details and Examples 1.1.b Understand that the decisions of one generation provide the range of possibilities open to the next generation.

Details and Examples 1.1.c Understand that human beings can use the memory of their past experiences to make judgments about new situations.

Concept or Skill 1.2 Understand the influences on individual and group behavior and group decision making.

Details and Examples 1.2.a Understand that people involved in a dispute often have different points of view.

Details and Examples 1.2.b Understand that communicating different points of view in a dispute can often help people to find a satisfactory compromise.

Details and Examples 1.2.c Understand that resolving a conflict by force rather than compromise can lead to more problems.

Details and Examples 1.2.d Understand that if a conflict cannot be settled by compromise, it may be decided by a vote if everyone agrees to accept the results.

Details and Examples 1.2.e Understand that family, groups and community influence the individual's daily life and personal choices.

Details and Examples 1.2.f Understand stereotyping.

Details and Examples 1.2.g Understand the role of cultural unity and diversity within and across groups.

Concept or Skill 1.3 Understand how personality and socialization impact the individual.

Details and Examples 1.3.a Understand that various factors contribute to the shaping of a person's identity.

Details and Examples 1.3.b Understand that human beings have different interests, motivations, skills, and talents.

Details and Examples 1.3.c Understand the rights and responsibilities of the individual in relation to his/her social group.

Details and Examples 1.3.d Understand various meanings of social group, general implications of group membership, and different ways that groups function.

Concept or Skill 1.4 Understand the process of how humans develop, learn, adapt to their environment, and internalize their culture.

Details and Examples 1.4.a Understand the fundamental concepts of growth and development.

Details and Examples 1.4.b Understand learning and physical development affect behavior.

Details and Examples 1.4.c Understand personal changes over time, such as those related to physical development and personal issues.

Details and Examples 1.4.d Understand that language, stories, folktales, music, and artistic creations are expressions of culture.

Details and Examples 1.4.e Understand that interactions among learning, inheritance, and physical development affect human behavior.

Details and Examples 1.4.f Understand that group and cultural influences contribute to human development, identity, and behavior.

Concept or Skill 1.5 Understand current social issues to determine how the individual formulates opinions and responds to issues.

Details and Examples 1.5.a Understand that the way a person views an issue reflects personal beliefs, experiences, and attitudes.

Concept or Skill 1.6 Understand how to evaluate social research and information.

Details and Examples 1.6.a Understand the use of research procedures and skills to investigate an issue.

Content Area 2 Economics addresses the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services. The concept of scarcity is understood to mean that available resources are insufficient to satisfy the wants and needs of everyone. Economics is therefore founded upon the alternative use of available resources and the study of choices.

Concept or Skill 2.1 Understand the role of scarcity and economic trade-offs and how economic conditions impact people's lives.

Details and Examples 2.1.a Understand that goods and services are scarce because there are not enough resources to satisfy all of the wants of individuals, governments, and societies.

Details and Examples 2.1.b Understand that consumers buy less of products and services when prices go up and buy more when prices go down.

Details and Examples 2.1.c Understand that businesses are willing to sell more products and services when prices go up and less when the price goes down.

Details and Examples 2.1.d Understand the concept of unemployment.

Details and Examples 2.1.e Understand the importance of work.

Details and Examples 2.1.f Understand how competition among sellers results in lower costs and higher product quality.

Concept or Skill 2.2 Understand the functions of economic institutions.

Details and Examples 2.2.a Understand that banks provide money to consumers and serve as the intermediary between savers and borrowers.

Concept or Skill 2.3 Understand how governments throughout the world influence economic behavior.

Details and Examples 2.3.a Understand that the government pays for goods and services it provides by taxing and borrowing.

Details and Examples 2.3.b Understand that all societies have developed economic systems and there are advantages and disadvantages to each type of system.

Details and Examples 2.3.c Understand when consumers buy goods some of the money that goes to the business is used to pay for resources and taxes.

Concept or Skill 2.4 Understand factors that create patterns of interdependence in the world economy.

Details and Examples 2.4.a Understand that when countries specialize they become more interdependent.

Details and Examples 2.4.b Understand the impact of increasing economic interdependence in different regions of the world.

Details and Examples 2.4.c Understand that local goods and services are part of the global economy.

Details and Examples 2.4.d Understand the concepts of exports and imports.

Concept or Skill 2.5 Understand that advancing technologies impact the global economy.

Details and Examples 2.5.a Understand that technologies have costs and benefits associated with them.

Details and Examples 2.5.b Understand that new inventions reflect people's needs and wants; and when these change, technology changes to reflect the new needs and wants.

Details and Examples 2.5.c Understand that the design process is a series of methodical steps for turning ideas into useful products and systems.

Details and Examples 2.5.d Understand that the manufacturing process includes designing product, gathering the resources, and producing a finished product.

Concept or Skill 2.6 Understand that all economies throughout the world rely upon universal concepts.

Details and Examples 2.6.a Understand that there are producers and consumers in all economies.

Details and Examples 2.6.b Understand supply and demand in various types of economies.

Details and Examples 2.6.c Understand that production, distribution, exchange, and consumption of goods and services are economic decisions with which all societies and nations must deal.

Details and Examples 2.6.d Understand how nations throughout the world have joined with one another to promote economic development and growth.

Details and Examples 2.6.e Understand barriers to trade among people across nations.

Content Area 3 Geography is the study of the interaction between people and their environments. Geography therefore looks at the world through the concepts of location, place, human-environmental interaction, movement, and region.

Concept or Skill 3.1 Understand the use of geographic tools to locate and analyze information about people, places, and environments.

Details and Examples 3.1.a Understand political, topographical and historical maps, aerial photos and maps.

Details and Examples 3.1.b Understand the use of mental maps to organize information about people, places, and environments in a spatial context.

Details and Examples 3.1.c Understand the concepts of title, legend, cardinal directions, distance, grids.

Details and Examples 3.1.d Understand the use of data sources, atlases, data bases, grid systems, charts, graphs, and maps to generate, manipulate, and interpret information.

Details and Examples 3.1.e Understand the spatial elements of point, line, area and volume.

Details and Examples 3.1.f Understand the representations of major physical and human features on maps and globes.

Concept or Skill 3.2 Understand how geographic and human characteristics create culture and define regions.

Details and Examples 3.2.a Understand the characteristics of regions--physical and cultural.

Details and Examples 3.2.b Understand regions change over time and the causes and consequences of these changes.

Details and Examples 3.2.c Understand ways regional, ethnic, and national cultures influence individuals' daily lives.

Details and Examples 3.2.d Understand how people from different cultures think about and deal with their physical environment and social conditions.

Details and Examples 3.2.e Understand language, stories, folktales, music and artistic creations serve as expressions of culture and influence behavior of people.

Concept or Skill 3.3 Understand how human factors and the distribution of resources affect the development of society and the movement of populations.

Details and Examples 3.3.a Understand causes and effects of human migration.

Details and Examples 3.3.b Understand reasons for the growth and decline of settlements.

Details and Examples 3.3.c Understand density and sparcity in terms of human settlement.

Details and Examples 3.3.d Understand the relationship between population growth and resource use.

Details and Examples 3.3.e Understand the concepts of renewable and non-renewable resources.

Details and Examples 3.3.f Understand recycling.

Details and Examples 3.3.g Understand the relation between economic activities and natural resources in areas.

Concept or Skill 3.4 Understand how physical processes and human actions modify the environment and how the environment affects humans.

Details and Examples 3.4.a Understand the characteristics of places are shaped by physical and human processes.

Details and Examples 3.4.b Understand humans interact and adapt to the physical environment.

Details and Examples 3.4.c Understand ways to monitor science and technology in order to protect the physical environment, individual rights and the common good.

Details and Examples 3.4.d Understand laws and policies that govern the environment.

Content Area 4 History is the study and analysis of the past. Built upon a foundation of historical knowledge, history seeks to analyze the past in order to describe the relationship between historical facts, concepts, and generalizations. History draws upon cause and effect relationships within multiple social narratives to help explain complex human interactions. Understanding the past provides context for the present and implications for the future.

Concept or Skill 4.1 Understand historical patterns, periods of time and the relationships among these elements.

Details and Examples 4.1.a Understand the similarities and differences between various civilizations within a time period.

Details and Examples 4.1.b Understand problems, issues, and dilemmas of life in the past and their causes.

Details and Examples 4.1.c Understand differences in life today compared to life in the past.

Details and Examples 4.1.d Understand causes and effects of events within a time period.

Concept or Skill 4.2 Understand how and why people create, maintain or change systems of power, authority, and governance.

Details and Examples 4.2.a Understand groups and institutions work to meet individual needs and the common good of all.

Details and Examples 4.2.b Understand that belief systems affect government policies and laws.

Details and Examples 4.2.c Understand the consequences of governmental decisions.

Concept or Skill 4.3 Understand the role of culture and cultural diffusion on the development and maintenance of societies.

Details and Examples 4.3.a Understand ways culture has influenced interactions of various groups.

Details and Examples 4.3.b Understand ways culture affects decisions of a society, group or individual.

Details and Examples 4.3.c Understand major historical events and developments that involved interaction among various groups.

Concept or Skill 4.4 Understand the role of individuals and groups within a society as promoters of change or the status quo.

Details and Examples 4.4.a Understand roles of important individuals and groups in technological and scientific fields.

Details and Examples 4.4.b Understand that specific individuals had a great impact on history.

Details and Examples 4.4.c Understand the people, events, problems, and ideas that were significant in creating the history of their state.

Details and Examples 4.4.d Understand how democratic values have been exemplified by people, events, and symbols.

Concept or Skill 4.5 Understand the effect of economic needs and wants on individual and group decisions.

Details and Examples 4.5.a Understands factors that shaped the economic system in the United States.

Details and Examples 4.5.b Understand that economic activities in the community have changed over time.

Details and Examples 4.5.c Understand that the types of work local community members do have changed over time.

Concept or Skill 4.6 Understand the effects of geographic factors on historical events.

Details and Examples 4.6.a Understand varying landforms and geographic features and their importance in the development of communities.

Details and Examples 4.6.b Understand seasons, climate, and weather, environmental change and crises affect social and economic development.

Details and Examples 4.6.c Understand major land and water routes of explorers.

Concept or Skill 4.7 Understand the role of innovation on the development and interaction of societies.

Details and Examples 4.7.a Understand the influence of cultural, scientific, and technological decisions on societies.

Details and Examples 4.7.b Understand ways science and technology have changed the way people think about the natural world.

Details and Examples 4.7.c Understands that the use of technology in the local community has changed over time.

Concept or Skill 4.8 Understand cause and effect relationships and other historical thinking skills in order to interpret events and issues.

Details and Examples 4.8.a Understand processes important to reconstructing and interpreting the past.

Details and Examples 4.8.b Understand the historical perspective including cause and effect.

Details and Examples 4.8.c Understand how to view the past in terms of the norms and values of the time.

Details and Examples 4.8.d Understand interpretation of data in timelines.

Content Area 5 Political science is the study of power and authority through the examination of political processes, governmental institutions, and human behavior in a civil society. In this context the study of civics is understood to include the form and function of government. Civic literacy encompasses civics but also addresses the individual's social and political participation.

Concept or Skill 5.1 Understand the rights and responsibilities of each citizen and demonstrate the value of lifelong civic action.

Details and Examples 5.1.a Understand what it means to be a citizen.

Details and Examples 5.1.b Understand why civic responsibility is important and know examples of civic responsibility.

Details and Examples 5.1.c Understand that Congress passes laws to protect individual rights.

Details and Examples 5.1.d Understand how people can participate in their government.

Details and Examples 5.1.e Understand what political leaders do and why leadership is necessary in a democracy.

Details and Examples 5.1.f Understand opportunities for leadership and public service in the student's own classroom, school, community, state, and the nation.

Details and Examples 5.1.g Understand the importance of voluntarism as a characteristic of American society.

Concept or Skill 5.2 Understand how the government established by the Constitution embodies the enduring values and principles of democracy and republicanism.

Details and Examples 5.2.a Understand the fundamental values and principles of American democracy.

Details and Examples 5.2.b Understand the difference between power and authority.

Details and Examples 5.2.c Understand fundamental values and principles of American democracy are expressed in documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Preamble to the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights, as well as in American songs, stories, and speeches.

Details and Examples 5.2.d Understand the costs and benefits of diversity in American society.

Concept or Skill 5.3 Understand the purpose and function of each of the three branches of government established by the U.S. Constitution.

Details and Examples 5.3.a Understand that the legislative branch passes laws to protect individual rights.

Details and Examples 5.3.b Understand that the executive branch carries out and enforces laws to protect individual rights.

Details and Examples 5.3.c Understand that the judicial branch, headed by the Supreme Court, makes decisions concerning the law that aim to protect individual rights.

Concept or Skill 5.4 Understand the differences among local, state and national government.

Details and Examples 5.4.a Understand the roles of local, state and national government and the roles of representative leaders at these levels such as mayor, governor and President.

Details and Examples 5.4.b Understand major services provided by national, state, and local governments.

Details and Examples 5.4.c Understand how national, state and local government officials are chosen.

Concept or Skill 5.5 Understand the role of the United States in current world affairs.

Details and Examples 5.5.a Understand that the world is divided into many different nations with each one having its own government.

Details and Examples 5.5.b Understand the major ways nations interact with each other such as trade, diplomacy, cultural contacts, treaties or agreements, and use of military force.

Details and Examples 5.5.c Understand factors that contribute to cooperation and cause disputes within and among groups and nations.