

IA_Core Curriculum - Social Studies (2010)

Middle

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 that a large society may be made up of many groups, and these groups may contain many different subcultures.

Details and Examples 1.1.b Understand various institutions influence people.

Details and Examples 1.1.c Understand various institutions influence elements of culture.

Details and Examples 1.1.d Understand that technology is important in spreading the ideas, values, and behavior patterns within a society.

Details and Examples 1.1.e Understand the role of institutions in furthering both continuity and change.

Details and Examples 1.1.f Understand the means by which individuals, groups, and institutions may contribute to social continuity and change within a community.

Concept or Skill 1.2 Understand how personality and socialization impact the individual.

Details and Examples 1.2.a Understand the ways family, gender, ethnicity, nationality, socioeconomic factors and institutional affiliations contribute to personal identity.

Details and Examples 1.2.b Understand the influence of perception, attitudes, values, and beliefs on personal identity.

Concept or Skill 1.3 Understand the influences on individual and group behavior and group decision making.

Details and Examples 1.3.a Understand that various factors affect decisions that individuals make.

Details and Examples 1.3.b Understand role, status, and social class affect interactions of individuals and social groups.

Details and Examples 1.3.c Understand that each culture has distinctive patterns of behavior that are usually practiced by most of the people who grow up in it.

Details and Examples 1.3.d Understand that standards used to judge behaviors vary for different settings and societal groups.

Details and Examples 1.3.e Understand that technology is important in spreading ideas, values, and behavior patterns within a society and among different societies.

Details and Examples 1.3.f Understand that the media may influence the behavior and decision-making of individuals and groups.

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 that all behavior is affected by both inheritance and experience.

Details and Examples 1.4.b Understand values, language, beliefs, and behaviors contribute to the transmission of culture.

Details and Examples 1.4.c Understand that language and tools enable human beings to learn complicated and varied things from others.

Details and Examples 1.4.d Understand that technology is important in spreading the ideas, values, and behavior patterns within a society.

Concept or Skill 1.5 Understand current social issues to determine how the individual is able to formulate opinions and respond to those issues.

Details and Examples 1.5.a Understand that personal values influence the types of conclusions people make.

Details and Examples 1.5.b Understand the concepts of bias, prejudice, stereotyping, power, role, status, justice.

Details and Examples 1.5.c Understand group and institutional influences on people, events, and elements of culture.

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

Details and Examples 1.6.a Understand that human behavior is studied using scientific methods.

Details and Examples 1.6.b Understand basic distinctions between information that is based on fact and information that is based on opinion.

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 the cost and benefits of economic trade-offs and how scarcity of resources affects costs and benefits.

Details and Examples 2.1.b Understand economic trade-offs at different levels (personal, business, local government).

Details and Examples 2.1.c Understand the short term and long term impact of economic trade-offs on society.

Concept or Skill 2.2 Understand the functions of economic institutions.

Details and Examples 2.2.a Understand the services that are available at banks and credit unions.

Details and Examples 2.2.b Understand the process of interests and payments for goods.

Details and Examples 2.2.c Understand the role banks play among savers, borrowers, and investors.

Details and Examples 2.2.d Understand the types of specialized economic institutions found in market economies (corporations, partnerships, cooperatives, labor unions, banks, and nonprofit organizations).

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

Details and Examples 2.3.a Understand goods and services that the government provides.

Details and Examples 2.3.b Understand the government's purpose in preventing monopolies.

Details and Examples 2.3.c Understand how taxes are used at the local, state, and national levels.

Details and Examples 2.3.d Understand revenues and expenditures in the federal budget.

Details and Examples 2.3.e Understand the concepts of balanced budget, budget deficit, budget surplus, and national debt.

Details and Examples 2.3.f Understand the role of the Federal Reserve on the economy.

Details and Examples 2.3.g Understand the process of filing personal tax returns.

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

Details and Examples 2.4.a Understand the impact of imported and exported goods and services in the local community.

Details and Examples 2.4.b Understand the concepts of free trade and trade barriers.

Details and Examples 2.4.c Understand trade barriers imposed by the United States from a historical perspective and the impact of those actions.

Details and Examples 2.4.d Understand the interdependence of America and other regions of the world in terms of imports and exports.

Details and Examples 2.4.e Understand balance of trade and trade deficits and their impact on the price of goods.

Details and Examples 2.4.f Understand that the increased interdependence of the world market causes economic conditions in one country to affect others.

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

Details and Examples 2.5.a Understand the evolution of technology over time.

Details and Examples 2.5.b Understand the role of technologies that interlock the global economy.

Details and Examples 2.5.c Understand the role of investment and government support in advancing technologies.

Concept or Skill 2.6 Understand how universal economic concepts present themselves in various types of economies throughout the world.

Details and Examples 2.6.a Understand the different types of economies and universal economic concepts (supply and demand, production, consumption, labor, capital, etc.) and their influence on each other.

Details and Examples 2.6.b Understand how the laws of supply and demand affect price and consumers' responses to prices.

Details and Examples 2.6.c Understand how the change of price for one good or service can affect the price for other goods and services.

Details and Examples 2.6.d Understand causes of inflation, deflation, and recessions and who gains or loses from them.

Details and Examples 2.6.e Understand the relation between gross domestic products and standards of living among countries.

Details and Examples 2.6.f Understand unemployment.

Details and Examples 2.6.g Understand the role of profit in motivating entrepreneurs in starting new businesses.

Concept or Skill 2.7 Understand the function of common financial instruments.

Details and Examples 2.7.a Understand checking accounts.

Details and Examples 2.7.b Understand that bank accounts, loans and other services vary from one bank to another.

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 the characteristics and purposes of geographic tools and representations of the earth such as maps, globes, graphs, charts, models, grid systems, aerial and other photographs, GIS, satellite-produced images and databases.

Details and Examples 3.1.b Understand mental maps of locales, regions and the world.

Details and Examples 3.1.c Understand geographic relationships such as population density and spatial distribution patterns.

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

Details and Examples 3.2.a Understand human and physical characteristics of place.

Details and Examples 3.2.b Understand the concept of region.

Details and Examples 3.2.c Understand the physical environment affects life in different regions.

Details and Examples 3.2.d Understand communities reflect the cultural backgrounds of their inhabitants.

Details and Examples 3.2.e Understand patterns of cultural diffusion.

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 physical and cultural patterns and their interactions, such as land use, settlement patterns, cultural transmission of customs and ideas, and ecosystem changes.

Details and Examples 3.3.b Understand world patterns of resource distribution and utilization.

Details and Examples 3.3.c Understand the role of technology in resource acquisition and use, and its impact on the environment.

Details and Examples 3.3.d Understand the development and widespread use of alternative energy sources have an impact on societies.

Details and Examples 3.3.e Understand physical and human geographic factors have influenced major historic events and movements.

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 human systems develop in response to conditions in the physical environment.

Details and Examples 3.4.b Understand major processes that shape patterns in the physical environment.

Details and Examples 3.4.c Understand the environmental consequences of both the unintended and intended outcomes of major technological changes in human history.

Details and Examples 3.4.d Understand technology influences the human capacity to modify the physical environment.

Details and Examples 3.4.e Understand the environmental consequences of people changing the physical environment.

Details and Examples 3.4.f Understand ecosystems in terms of their characteristics and ability to withstand stress caused by physical events.

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 concepts such as chronology, causality, change, conflict, and complexity.

Details and Examples 4.1.b Understand historical periods and patterns of change within and across cultures, such as the rise of civilizations, the development of transportation systems, the growth and breakdown of colonial systems, and others.

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 political events that shaped the development of governments.

Details and Examples 4.2.b Understand patterns of nationalism, state-building, religious and social reform.

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 the ways groups, societies, and cultures have addressed human needs and concerns in the past.

Details and Examples 4.3.b Understand how information and experiences from the past may be interpreted by people from diverse cultural perspectives and frames of reference.

Details and Examples 4.3.c Understand language, literature, the arts, architecture, other artifacts, traditions, beliefs, values, and behaviors have contributed to the development and transmission of culture.

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 that specific individuals and the values those individuals held had an impact on history.

Details and Examples 4.4.b Understand significant events and people, including women and minorities, in the major eras of history.

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

Details and Examples 4.5.a Understand economic concepts that help explain historical and current developments and issues in local, national, or global contexts.

Details and Examples 4.5.b Understand reform, revolution, and social change in the world economy.

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

Details and Examples 4.6.a Understand that historical events have been influenced by, and have influenced, physical and human geographic factors in local, regional, national, and global settings.

Details and Examples 4.6.b Understand the forces of cooperation and conflict that shaped the divisions of Earth's surface.

Details and Examples 4.6.c Understand geography is used to interpret the past.

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

Details and Examples 4.7.a Understand technology has influenced the course of history through revolutions in agriculture, manufacturing, sanitation, medicine, warfare, transportation, information processing, and communication.

Details and Examples 4.7.b Understand the impact of new inventions and technological developments in various regions of the world.

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 such as using a variety of sources, providing, validating, and weighing evidence for claims, checking credibility of sources, and searching for causality.

Details and Examples 4.8.b Understand relationships between and among significant events.

Details and Examples 4.8.c Understand facts and concepts drawn from history, along with methods of historical inquiry, to inform decision-making about and action-taking on public issues.

Details and Examples 4.8.d Understand how and why events may be interpreted differently depending upon the perspectives of participants, witnesses, reporters, and historians.

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 rights, roles and status of the individual in relation to the general welfare.

Details and Examples 5.1.b Understand issues regarding personal, political, and economic rights.

Details and Examples 5.1.c Understand what is meant by the 'scope and limits' of a right.

Details and Examples 5.1.d Understand participation in civic and political life can help bring about the attainment of individual and public goals.

Details and Examples 5.1.e Understand the functions of political leadership and why leadership is a vital necessity in a democracy.

Details and Examples 5.1.f 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 principles of democracy and republicanism.

Details and Examples 5.2.a Understand the essential ideas of American government that are expressed in the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and other documents.

Details and Examples 5.2.b Understand the concepts of constitutional government as fundamental principles of American democracy.

Details and Examples 5.2.c Understand the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited governments.

Details and Examples 5.2.d Understand the basic concepts of a federal system of government.

Details and Examples 5.2.e Understand values such as individual rights, the common good, self government, justice, equality, diversity, openness and free inquiry, truth, patriotism are fundamental to American public life.

Details and Examples 5.2.f Understand the type of citizenry needed to establish and maintain constitutional government.

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

Details and Examples 5.3.a Understand the primary responsibilities of each branch of government in a system of shared powers (legislative, executive, judicial) and ways in which each branch shares the powers and functions of the other branches.

Details and Examples 5.3.b Understand how the legislative, executive, and judicial branches use checks and balances.

Concept or Skill 5.4 Understand the similarities and differences among the complex levels of local, state and national government.

Details and Examples 5.4.a Understand the relationship between state and local governments and the national government.

Details and Examples 5.4.b Understand the powers and responsibilities of local, state and national governments.

Concept or Skill 5.5 Understand strategies for effective political action that impacts local, state and national governance.

Details and Examples 5.5.a Understand the concept of civic responsibility.

Details and Examples 5.5.b Understand the importance of political leadership, public service, and a knowledgeable citizenry in American democracy.

Details and Examples 5.5.c Understand the concept of political leadership in the student's own school, community, state, and the nation.

Concept or Skill 5.6 Understand how laws are established at the local, state and national levels.

Details and Examples 5.6.a Understand the concept of public policy.

Details and Examples 5.6.b Understand the sources, purposes, and functions of law, and the importance of the rule of law for the protection of individual rights and the common good.

Concept or Skill 5.7 Understand how various political systems throughout the world define the rights and responsibilities of the individual.

Details and Examples 5.7.a Understand constitutions protect individual rights and promote the common good.

Details and Examples 5.7.b Understand the essential characteristics of limited and unlimited governments.

Concept or Skill 5.8 Understand the role of the United States in current world affairs.

Details and Examples 5.8.a Understand conditions, actions and motivations that contribute to conflict and cooperation within and among nations.

Details and Examples 5.8.b Understand current foreign policy issues and the means the United States is using to deal with them.