

# Social Studies Seventh Grade Curriculum Map

## First Quarter

### Geography

- 7:3 \* Five themes of geography
- \* Time zones (International Date Line)
  - \* Begin map skills with sketch maps and mental maps
  - \* Map essentials (title, key or legend, compass rose, scale, and location systems)
  - \* Physical regions of the Eastern Hemisphere
  - \* Major ecosystems or biomes
  - \* Climate
- 7:4 \* Elements of culture
- Language
  - Religion
  - Political systems
  - Traditions
  - Gender roles
  - Other parts of cultures belief system (art, music, literature, and entertainment)
- \* Major economic activities in Africa
  - \* Careting thematic maps
  - \* Current events

### History

- 7:1 (See second quarter)

## Second Quarter

### History

- 7:1 \* Research people and events that shaped Africa including:
- \* Imperialism/colonization of Africa and its effects
  - \* Use and compare primary and secondary sources
  - \* Eastern hemisphere research projects set up by region
  - \* Compare regions of the eastern hemisphere
  - \* Construct a class time line of the eastern hemisphere
  - \* Contemporary conditions (select one, discuss and defend)
- 7:2 \* People and events related to apartheid in South Africa
- \* Positive and negative character traits
  - \* Historical biographies
  - \* Core democratic values

## Third Quarter

### Civics

- 7:5 \* Articles of Confederation
- \* The U.S. Constitution and its provisions

- \* Forms of government/political systems
  - \* Historical government structures
  - \* Current forms of world governments
- 7:6
- \* International government organizations
    - The United Nations
  - \* International non-government organizations
  - \* Humanitarian aid
  - \* Diplomacy and resolving international conflict

## **Fourth Quarter**

### **Economics**

- 7:7
- \* Methods of production and distribution
  - \* Economic trends
  - \* Factors of production
  - \* Supply and demand
  - \* Risk/incentives
  - \* Cost/benefit analysis
  - \* Globalization
  - \* Public policy
- 7:8
- \* Scarcity
  - \* Three basic economic questions societies ask
  - \* Public and private goods
  - \* The role of government in the economy
  - \* Compare and contrast traditional, market, and command economies
  - \* Economic institutions
  - \* Interstate and intrastate commerce and trade

### **Individuals & Groups in Society**

- 7:9
- This standard will be covered throughout the school year in conjunction with all units.
- \* Use and compare primary and secondary sources
  - \* Five themes of geography
  - \* Current events
  - \* Core democratic values
  - \* Public policy issues
  - \* Taking sides on an issue
  - \* Political views