

Grade 7 Social Studies Course Overview

Voices of America

Unit 1, Understanding Ourselves

- I. Creating a Safe and Respectful Community
- II. Where am I?
- III. Who am I?
- IV. Who are we?



Unit 2, A Nation of Change

- I. Early America and Americans
- II. The Industrial Revolution
- III. Immigration: 19th and Early 20th Century
- IV. Activism for Change
- V. Justice at War- Japanese Internment Camps
- VI. Immigration Today

Critical thinking skills such as making inferences, using supporting evidence, drawing conclusions, identifying cause and effect relationships are systematically introduced and integrated into each of the units and reinforced repeatedly throughout the curriculum.

Writing, study, organization, oral, group and map skills are also integrated into the curriculum and reinforced throughout the year.

Current Events: Throughout the school year, time will also be devoted to **current events** to promote active citizenship, develop an awareness of multiple points of view, and to draw connections between history and the events of today. Students have many opportunities for extra credit in this area.

Finding their own voice: Students will be encouraged to think critically and express their opinion respectfully, learning ways to best utilize their vocal chords to affect change for themselves, our team, school and the world at large.

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