

COURSE DESCRIPTION

SIXTH GRADE

HISTORY

Philosophy Statement: History is “His”story. The study of American Government, History and Geography is an interesting study of our countries foundations and the operation of government for the people and by the people. As Americans of the present, your students are being invited to view Americans of the past in a way that admires their determination, analyzes their choices and become inspired by God’s hand in the development of this country and democracy. The students will actively participate in the study through projects, activities, debates, lecture notes and dramatizations. Sixth grade will also practice map skills and explore the geography of our global neighbors.

Course Objective: The students will explore and experience the foundations of our Countries Government by reading, researching, discussing, and analyzing a variety of materials. In addition, students will develop map skills and knowledge of geography through projects, class activities and research of a selected country.

Textbook: American Government: Freedom, Rights and Responsibilities (Steck-Vaughn and the Nation Notebook

Course Content:

Government

Building a New Nation
Early Government in the United States
Writing the Constitution
The Bill of Rights and other Amendments
The Three Branches of Government
The Legislative Branch
The Executive Branch
The Judicial Branch
How a Bill Becomes a Law
State Government
Local Government
Political Parties and Voters

Geography

States and Capitals
Latitude and Longitude
Maps to scale
Map Projections
Political and Physical maps
Map keys
Cardinal/Intermediate Directions
Geographical Vocabulary
Time Zone Maps
Political and Physical Maps
Five themes of Geography
Country Studies (Nation Notebook)

COURSE DESCRIPTION

SEVENTH GRADE

HISTORY

Philosophy: History is really “His” story. The study of World History is an interesting study of our planet from creation until the Reformation. The study begins in Eden and continues through Sumer, Egypt, Greece, Rome and Europe. As Christ followers, your students are being invited to view the past in a way that admires the determination of early church leaders, analyzes their choices and become inspired by God’s hand in the development of His creation and masterpiece, our world. The students will actively participate in the study through projects, activities, videos, and debates. History Mysteries, lecture notes and dramatizations.

Course Objective: The students will explore and experience the foundations of our great nation’s history by reading, researching, discussing, analyzing and working cooperatively.

Textbook: History of the World in Christian Perspective (A Beka Book)

Course Content:

Chapters 1 – 2	The Beginning of time
Chapters 3 – 4	Egypt and Israel
Chapter 5	Babylon and Persia
Chapter 6	Greece
Chapters 7 – 8	Before Christ and After Christ
Chapter 9	The Early Church
Chapter 10	Islam vs. Christendom
Chapter 11	From Empire to Feudalism
Chapter 12	The Age of Darkness
Chapter 13 – 14	The Reformation

COURSE DESCRIPTION

EIGHTH GRADE

HISTORY

Philosophy Statement: History is “His story.” The study of American History is an interesting study of our country during its most dramatic times: colonization, the Civil War, and the world changing events of the Twentieth Century. As Americans of the present, your students are being invited to view Americans of the past in a way that admires their determination, analyzes their choices and becomes inspired by God’s hand in the development of this country. The students will actively participate in the study through projects, activities, debates, History Mysteries, lecture notes and dramatizations.

Course Objective: The students will explore and experience the foundations of our great nation’s history and events of today by reading, researching, discussing, analyzing and working co-operatively.

Materials:

America: Land that I Love (A Beka Book)

Course Content:

Chapters 1-7:	The colonies, the Revolutionary War and the foundations of our government.
Chapters 14, 15 and 17:	The Civil War, Reconstruction and the Industrial Age.
Chapters 18-23:	The Twentieth Century: WWI, the Roaring Twenties, The Great Depression, The New Deal, WWII, Civil Rights and the Cold War.