

Department: History

Course Name: World Cultures

Course Description:

This engaging, quarter long course introduces 7th-grade students to the rich diversity of cultures across our global community. Students will embark on a virtual journey spanning six major world regions: East Asia, South Asia, Oceania, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. Through interactive lessons, multimedia resources, and hands-on activities, students will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the world's cultural mosaic while building critical thinking and cross-cultural communication skills.

Content:

Each class will cover cultural elements from:

East Asia

South Asia

Oceania

The Middle East

Africa

Europe (Greece, Italy, Spain, and Germany)

South America

North America (strong focus on Native American culture)

Skills:

Defining culture and its key components

Identifying major world regions and their cultural characteristics

Understanding the impact of geography, history, and religion on cultural development

Developing critical thinking skills in analyzing cultural practices and perspectives

Enhancing cross-cultural communication and understanding

Text and Materials:

Notebook for "Culture Journal"

Pen/pencil, colored pencils, or markers

School issued iPad for research and multimedia resources

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture

Reading Comprehension

Methods of Evaluation:

Daily participation

Final research project