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STANDARD 1

History

The student uses materials drawn from the diversity of human experience to analyze and interpret significant events, patterns and themes in the history of the United States and the world.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.1.1: Chronology: Construct time lines to demonstrate an understanding of units of time and chronological order

Indicators:

- 3.1.1.1 Define and measure time by years, decades and centuries
- 3.1.1.2 Place local historical events in sequential order on a time line

Benchmark 3.1.2: Settlement: Describe the cultural patterns that are evident in North America today as a result of exploration, colonization and conflict

Indicator:

No indicators present for this benchmark

Benchmark 3.1.3 Growth: Explain how new developments led to the growth of the United States

Indicator:

- 3.1.3.1 Describe changes in the community over time including changes in:
 - a. Businesses
 - b. Architecture
 - c. Physical features
 - d. Employment
 - e. Education
 - f. Transportation
 - g. Technology
 - h. Religion
 - i. Recreation

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STANDARD 2

People in Societies

The student will use knowledge of perspectives, practices and products of cultural, ethnic and social groups to analyze the impact of their commonality and diversity within local, national, regional and global settings.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.2.1: Cultures: Compare practices and products of North American cultural groups

Indicators:

- 3.2.1.1 Compare some of the cultural practices and products of various groups of people who have lived in the local community including:
 - a. Artistic expression
 - b. Religion
 - c. Language
 - d. Food
- 3.2.1.2 Compare the cultural practices and products of the local community with those of other communities in the United States and countries of the world

Benchmark 3.2.2: Interaction: Explain the reasons people from various cultural groups came to North America and the consequences of their interactions with each other

Indicator:

- 3.2.2.1 Describe settlement patterns of various cultural groups within the local community

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Geography

The student will use knowledge of geographic locations, patterns and processes to show the interrelationship between the physical environment and human activity, and to explain the interactions that occur in an increasingly interdependent world.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.3.1: Location: Use map elements or coordinates to locate physical and human features of North America

Indicators:

- 3.3.1.1 Use political maps, physical maps and aerial photographs to ask and answer questions about the local community
- 3.3.1.2 Use a compass rose and cardinal directions to describe the relative location of places
- 3.3.1.3 Read and interpret maps by using the map title, map key, direction indicator and symbols to answer questions about the local community
- 3.3.1.4 Use a number/letter grid system to locate physical and human features on a map
- 3.3.1.5 Identify the location of the equator, Arctic Circle, Antarctic Circle, North Pole, South Pole, Prime Meridian, the tropics and the hemispheres on maps and globes

Benchmark 3.3.2: Places and Regions: Identify the physical and human characteristics of places and regions in North America

Indicator:

- 3.3.2.1 Identify and describe the landforms and climate, vegetation, population and economic characteristics of the local community

Benchmark 3.3.3: Human Environmental Interaction: Identify and explain ways people have affected the physical environment of North America and analyze the positive and negative consequences

Indicator:

- 3.3.3.1 Identify ways that physical characteristics of the environment (i.e., landforms, bodies of water, climate and vegetation) affect and have been modified by the local community

Benchmark 3.3.4: Movement: Analyze ways that transportation and communication relate to patterns of settlement and economic activity

Indicator:

- 3.3.4.1 Identify systems of transportation used to move people and products and systems of communication used to move ideas from place to place

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STANDARD 4

Economics

The student will use economic reasoning skills and knowledge of major economic concepts, issues and systems in order to make informed choices as producers, consumers, savers, investors, workers and citizens in an interdependent world

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.4.1: Scarcity and Resource Allocation: Explain the opportunity costs involved in the allocation of scarce productive resources

Indicator:

3.4.1.1 Define opportunity cost and give an example of the opportunity cost of a personal decision

Benchmark 3.4.2: Production, Distribution and Consumption: Explain why entrepreneurship, capital goods, technology, specialization and division of labor are important in the production of goods and services

Indicators:

3.4.2.1 Identify people who purchase goods and services as consumers and people who make goods or provide services as producers

3.4.2.2 Categorize economic activities as examples of production or consumption

3.4.2.3 Explain the advantages and disadvantages of specialization and the division of labor to produce items

Benchmark 3.4.3: Markets: Explain how competition affects producers and consumers in a market economy and why specialization facilitates trade

Indicators:

3.4.3.1 Identify different forms of money used over time, and recognize that money facilitates the purchase of goods, services and resources and enables savings

3.4.3.2 Explain how the local community is an example of a market where buyers and sellers exchange goods and services

3.4.3.3 Identify examples of economic competition in the local community

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STANDARD 5

Government

The student will use knowledge of the purposes, structures and processes of political systems at the local, state, national and international levels to understand that people create systems of government as structures of power and authority to provide order, maintain stability and promote the general welfare.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.5.1: Role of Government: Identify the responsibilities of the branches of the U.S. government and explain why they are necessary

Indicators:

- 3.5.1.1 Explain the major functions of local government including:
 - a. Promoting order and security
 - b. Making laws
 - c. Settling disputes
 - d. Providing public services
 - e. Protecting the rights of individuals
- 3.5.1.2 Explain the structure of local governments and identify local leaders (e.g., township trustees, county commissioners, city council members or mayor)
- 3.5.1.3 Identify the location of local government buildings and explain the functions of government that are carried out there
- 3.5.1.4 Identify goods and services provided by local government, why people need them and the source of funding (taxation)
- 3.5.1.5 Define power and authority
- 3.5.1.6 Explain why the use of power without legitimate authority is unjust (e.g., bullying, stealing)

Benchmark 3.5.2 Rules and Laws: Give examples of documents that specify the structure of state and national governments in the United States and explain how these documents foster self-government in a democracy

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No indicators present for this benchmark

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STANDARD 6

Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities

The student will use knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in order to examine and evaluate civic ideals and to participate in community life and the American democratic system

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.6.1: Participation: Explain how citizens take part in civic life in order to promote the common good

Indicators:

- 3.6.1.1 Describe how people help to make the community a better place in which to live including:
 - a. Working to preserve the environment
 - b. Helping the homeless
 - c. Restoring houses in low-income areas
 - d. Supporting education
 - e. Planning community events
 - f. Starting a business
- 3.6.1.2 Demonstrate effective citizenship traits including:
 - a. Civility
 - b. Respect for the rights and dignity of each person
 - c. Volunteerism
 - d. Compromise
 - e. Compassion
 - f. Persistence in achieving goals
 - g. Civic-mindedness

Benchmark 3.6.2: Rights and Responsibilities: Identify rights and responsibilities of citizenship in the United States that are important for preserving democratic government

Indicator:

- 3.6.2.1 Describe the responsibilities of citizenship with emphasis on:
 - a. Voting
 - b. Obeying laws
 - c. Respecting the rights of others
 - d. Being informed about current issues
 - e. Paying taxes

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STANDARD 7

Social Studies Skills and Methods

The students will collect, organize, evaluate and synthesize information from multiple sources to draw logical conclusions. Students communicate this information using appropriate social studies terminology in oral, written or multimedia form and apply what they have learned to societal issues in simulated or real-world settings.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.7.1: Obtaining Information: Obtain information from a variety of primary and secondary sources using the component parts of the source

Indicators:

- 3.7.1.1 Obtain information about local issues from a variety of sources including:
 - a. Maps
 - b. Photos
 - c. Oral histories
 - d. Newspapers
 - e. Letters
 - f. Artifacts
 - g. Documents
- 3.7.1.2 Locate information using various parts of a source including:
 - a. The table of contents
 - b. Title page
 - c. Illustrations
 - d. Keyword searches

Benchmark 3.7.2: Thinking and Organizing: Use a variety of sources to organize information and draw inferences

Indicators:

- 3.7.2.1 Identify possible cause and effect relationships
- 3.7.2.2 Read and interpret pictographs, bar graphs and charts

Benchmark 3.7.3: Communicating Information: Communicate social studies information using graphs or tables

Indicator:

- 3.7.3.1 Communicate information using pictographs and bar graphs

Benchmark 3.7.4: Problem Solving: Use problem-solving skills to make decisions individually and in groups

Indicator:

- 3.7.4.1 Use a problem-solving/decision-making process which includes
 - a. Identifying a problem
 - b. Gathering information
 - c. Listing and considering options
 - d. Considering advantages and disadvantages of options
 - e. Choosing and implementing a solution

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STANDARD 8

The student applies a Christian perspective to historic events and social studies concepts.

To meet this standard, the student will:

Benchmark 3.8.1: Understand that God directs the course of history.

3.8.1.1 Identify that the Bible tells God's history.

3.8.1.2. Identify that God is in control and has a purpose for events in history.

Benchmark 3.8.2: Understand that the Bible teaches us about God's design for government and economics.

3.8.2.1 See current situations through a Christian worldview

3.8.2.2. Recognize that God is in control of the government and economic systems.

Benchmark 3.8.3: Understand that God preserves and controls His creation so that it continues to function as He planned.

3.8.3.1 Recognize God's sovereignty over creation.

Benchmark 3.8.4: Understand that God created everything for His own purpose, and creation is meant to praise and glorify God.

3.8.4.1 Identify that God created all of mankind and all cultures.

Benchmark 3.8.5: Understand that God uses His creation to teach people eternal truth through the study of social studies.

3.8.5.1 Understand that God is in control.

3.8.5.2. Identify examples in history and social studies which show God's control of history and mankind.

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