



## Westgate Community School

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Overview 2017-2018

In this document, you will find an overview of all the units that will be covered in 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies. All the units and their content has been taken from the Colorado model content standards for 6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies. First, you will find a general time line for the units for the year. You will then find a brief bulleted description of the unit. If you have any questions regarding the outlined curriculum, please contact Ellyse Colson at [Ellyse.colson@westgateschool.org](mailto:Ellyse.colson@westgateschool.org).

#### Social Studies Year-long Outlook:

Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Unit: Geography	Unit: Ancient Cultures	Unit: Economics Unit: Civics	Mock Society

#### Unit: Geography

- Map skills- longitude, latitude, and scale
- Use map skills to solve problems
- Look at and use multiple different types of maps
- Answer geographic questions using geographic tools
- Explore how places are connected

#### Unit: Ancient Cultures

- Investigate Aztecs, Maya, Inuit, Native American Cultures, early explorers, and the Columbian Exchange
- Use and interpret historical sources to ask and research questions
- Research information regarding historical eras, individuals, groups, and ideas with regards to these cultures
- Interactions between the people of these cultures
- Examine the geography of the Western Hemisphere where these cultures existed
- Use maps, charts, and geospatial technologies (Google Earth, GPS, etc.)
- Interactions between humans and the physical world (landforms, resources, climate)



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### Unit: Economics

- Become familiar with different types of economic systems- market, command, and mixed economies
- Interdependence between economies on a global scale
- Explore how some economies require choices regarding resource distribution and the production of goods
- Effects of specialization of different careers in different areas
- Exploring financial well-being- key factors: saving and investing
- Short and medium term investments
- Importance of an emergency fund

### Unit: Civics

- Connections between the United States and other countries in the Western Hemisphere- governmental and economic
- exploring multiple governmental systems- democracy, monarchy, and authoritarian
- economic implications of different forms of government
- liberties of citizens in different governmental systems
- examine how political issues look from different perspectives- both national and global
- exploring the global consequences of personal choices and national actions
- rights, roles, and responsibilities of citizens
- explore how what it means to be a citizen changes over time and in different areas/regions