

K-8 History & Geography: Major Topics of Study

The value of a curriculum map:	Kindergarten	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3
<p>The following curriculum map provides an overview of major topic heads in the CRSD K-8 History and Geography sequence, allowing a better understanding of how topics build from one grade to another.</p> <p>Grade-by-grade sequencing of topics is important because it gives teachers (and parents) assurance that students will come prepared with a shared body of knowledge and skills, and because students learn more effectively when instruction follows the same basic psychological principle that we learn new knowledge by building on what we already know.</p>	World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Spatial Sense Overview of the Seven Continents 	World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Early Civilizations (Mesopotamia; Ancient Egypt; History of World Religions) Mexico 	World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Early Civilizations: Asia (India, China) Modern Civilization and Culture: Japan Ancient Greece 	World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography (Spatial Sense; Canada; Important Rivers) Ancient Rome (Geography of Mediterranean Region; Roman Empire; “Decline and Fall”) The Vikings
	American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Geography Native Americans Early Exploration and Settlement (Columbus; Pilgrims; Independence Day) Presidents, Past & Present Symbols & Figures 	American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Early People and Civilizations (Maya, Inca, Aztec) Early Exploration and Settlement American Revolution Early Exploration of American West Symbols and Figures 	American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> American Government: The Constitution War of 1812 Westward Expansion Civil War Immigration and Citizenship Civil Rights Geography of the Americans Symbols and Figures 	American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Earliest Americans Early Exploration of North America The Thirteen Colonies: Life and Times Before the Revolution

Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography (Spatial Sense; Mountains) Europe in Middle Ages Spread of Islam and “Holy Wars” Early and Medieval African Kingdoms China: Dynasties and Conquerors 	World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography (Spatial Sense; Lakes) Meso-American Civilizations European Exploration, Trade, and Clash of Cultures Renaissance and Reformation England from the Golden Age to the Glorious Revolution Russia: Early Growth and Expansion Feudal Japan 	World: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> World Geography (Spatial Sense; Deserts) Lasting Ideas from Ancient Civilizations (Judaism, Christianity, Greece and Rome) Enlightenment French Revolution Romanticism Industrialism, Capitalism, and Socialism Latin American Independence Movements 	American & World History strands merge in Grade 7	
American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> American Revolution Making a Constitutional Government Early Presidents and Politics Reformers Symbols and Figures 	American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Westward Expansion Civil War Native Americans: Cultures and Conflicts U.S. Geography 	American: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Immigration, Industrialization, and Urbanization Reform 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Decline of European Colonialism Cold War Civil Rights Movement Vietnam War and the Rise of Social Activism Middle East and Oil Politics End of the Cold War: Expansion of Democracy and Continuing Challenges Civics: The Constitution—Principles and Structure of American Democracy Geography of Canada and Mexico 	