#### **Introduction**

Social Studies is an interdisciplinary curriculum, incorporating close reading, critical thinking, effective writing, and the use of technology, both as a means of research and communication, and to further our knowledge of the past, present and future of our society and world community.

To this end, the Hinsdale School District Social Studies curriculum represents a wide range of subjects – civics, economics, geography, and history – mastery of which define an educated citizen. It is the belief of the Hinsdale School District that a deep and personal understanding of and engagement with civics and governments, geography and the environment, world and American history and economics, will allow each student to enter adulthood as an informed, responsible and participating citizen in our democracy and world.

This curriculum is aligned with the New Hampshire K-12 Social Studies Curriculum Framework and the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.

Strand: Civics and Governments Standard CV:1: The Nature and Purpose of Government Students will demonstrate an understanding of the nature of governments, and the fundamental ideals of government of the United States.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
CV:6:1.3: Apply criteria for evaluating the effectiveness and fairness of rules and laws at the local, state, or federal levels. CV:6:1.4: Differentiate among the major forms of limited and unlimited governments, e.g., monarchy, oligarchy, or democracy.	<ul> <li>(some may be assessed)</li> <li>*Textbook reading aloud about the different laws in different countries. Make a compare and contrast map between U.S. laws and different countries.</li> <li>*Greece textbook, teaching the different forms of government</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*HSD ELA Curriculum</li> <li>*Textbook: <i>Our World</i></li> <li>*Nonfiction books</li> <li>*Graphic Organizers</li> <li>*Magazines/National Geographic</li> <li>*Internet</li> <li>*Atlases</li> <li>*Almanacs</li> <li>*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources</li> </ul>	*Teacher observation *Informal observations *Tests from text *Written essays, reports, etc. *Oral Discussion *End of chapter questions *Projects *Quizzes

#### Strand: Civics and Governments Standard CV:3: The World and the United States' Place In It

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of the United States to other countries, and the role of the United States in world affairs.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
CV:6:3.1: Identify other countries in the world and their	*Greece, Europe and Africa, reading in textbook about the	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
different forms of government, e.g., monarchy, oligarchy, or	different forms of government and how they were established	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
democracy.	*Reading aloud text, learning	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
CV:6:3.2: Describe ways in which countries interact with	about the trading that goes on between different countries and	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
each other culturally, economically, diplomatically, or	how the government settled disputes.	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
militarily.	*All year project The three	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
CV:6:3.3: Discuss the reasons for conflicts between and among	main reasons why countries fought Land, Money, or	*Atlases	*Projects
countries and peoples, e.g. natural resources or religion.	religion. This is an oral discussion that goes on through	*Almanacs	*Quizzes
	out the year with students.	*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

#### Strand: Civics and Governments Standard CV:4: Rights and Responsibilities

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and the ability to apply their knowledge of local, state, and national government through the political process and citizen involvement.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
	(some may be assessed)		
CV:6:4.1: Evaluate those characteristics that promote good	*Discussion about citizenship and the responsibility of others.	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
citizenship, e.g., individual responsibility or respect for the	-Should We Have One World Language? (pg 364)	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
rights and decisions of others.	-Saving Sight in Ghana (pg. 512)	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
	<i>Being a Good Citizen</i> (text pg. 638)	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
	*Have students read the story	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
	and then write about someone they know who is a good citizen	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
	and explain why.	*Atlases	*Projects
		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

#### Strand: Economics Standard EC:1: Economics and the Individual

Students will learn about their role in a free market, how decisions that they make affect the economy, and how changes in the economy can affect them.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
EC:6:1.1: Identify the role of the individual in factor and product markets.	*Read about the products produced and exported by various countries.	*HSD ELA Curriculum *Textbook: <i>Our World</i>	*Teacher observation *Informal observations
EC:6:1.2: Explain how specialization and productivity	*Discuss how products help exploration of new lands and	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
are related.	trade with other countries. (i.e. China and Europe trading silk	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
EC:6:1.3: Recognize the relationship between productivity	and herbs for grains)	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
and wages, and between wages and standard of living.		*Internet	*End of chapter questions
		*Atlases	*Projects
		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

#### Strand: Economics Standard EC:2: Basic Economic Concepts Students will learn about the pillars of a free market economy and the market mechanism.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities	<b>Resources &amp; Materials</b>	Possible Assessments
	(some may be assessed)		
EC:6:2.1: Determine the opportunity cost of decisions,	*Discuss supply and demand within some countries and what	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
e.g., the purchase of an item or the expenditure of time.	that does to the economy of their country.	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
-		*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
EC:6:2.2: Identify the factors of production, e.g., entrepreneurship, human	*Compare and contrast a natural resource and a human resource.	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
resources, capital resources, and natural resources.	*Discuss what different countries do with their surplus and who is	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
EC:6:2.3: Recognize that	most affected by it (i.e. in China most surplus is given to	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
shortage and surplus affect the price and availability of goods	the government and none to the common people)	*Atlases	*Projects
and services, e.g., swimsuits in bad weather, seasonal sales, or		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
fads.		*Primary Sources/ classroom	
		books and resources	

#### Strand: Economics Standard EC:3: Cycles in the Economy Students will be able to explain the business cycle and trends in economic activity over time.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
EC:6:3.1: Describe gross domestic product and its components, e.g., the difference between imports and exports. EC:6:3.2: Recognize the effects of inflation on people under different circumstances, e.g., limited resources including food, fuel or housing.	-	*HSD ELA Curriculum         *Textbook: Our World         *Nonfiction books         *Graphic Organizers         *Magazines/National Geographic         *Internet         *Atlases         *Almanacs         *Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	*Teacher observation *Informal observations *Tests from text *Written essays, reports, etc. *Oral Discussion *End of chapter questions *Projects *Quizzes

### Strand: Geography Standard GE:1: The World in Spatial Terms

Students will demonstrate the ability to use maps, mental maps, globes, and other graphic tools and technologies to acquire, process, report, and analyze geographic information.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
	(some may be assessed)		
GE:6:1.1: Translate mental maps into appropriate graphics to	*Complete a map of the world by filling in the continents and the	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
display geographic information and answer geographic	countries.	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
questions, e.g., countries through which a person would travel	*Travel Europe Project: Using a travel brochure, students go to	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
between Cairo and Nairobi.	seven countries in Europe, including one of their ancestral	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
GE:6:1.2: Apply the spatial concepts of location, distance,	backgrounds. Find a famous landmark and recipe from the	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
direction, scale, movement, and region, e.g., the relative and	country and map out their trip on a map.	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
absolute location of the student's community, or the diffusion of	*Compare and contrast different	*Atlases	*Projects
the English language to the United States.	types of maps.	*Almanacs	*Quizzes
	*Study and label countries,	*Primary Sources/ classroom	
GE:6:1.3: Utilize maps, globes,	rivers, lakes, oceans and other	books and resources	
graphs, charts, models, and databases to analyze spatial distributions and patterns, e.g., climate zones, natural resources,	landmarks on a map.		
or population density.			

#### Strand: Geography Standard GE:2: Places and Regions

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the physical and human geographic features that define places and regions as well as how culture and experience influence people's perceptions of places and regions.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
GE:6:2.1: Describe the ways in which regions change, e.g., the	*Discuss how countries have changed over time (East and	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
degradation of the Aral Sea or the westward expansion of the	West Germany, different countries in Africa that have	*HSD Music & Art Curriculum	*Informal observations
United States.	changed shape and name).	*Textbook: Our World	*Tests from text
GE:6:2.2: Describe how places and regions preserve culture,	*Design a folktale based on ones studied from different countries	*Nonfiction books	*Written essays, reports, etc.
e.g., songs or traditions.	(Anasi tales form Africa, Buddha	*Graphic Organizers	*Oral Discussion
	stories in China).	*Magazines/National Geographic	*End of chapter questions
		*Internet	*Projects
		*Atlases	*Quizzes
		*Almanacs	
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

# Strand: Geography

Standard GE:3: Physical Systems Students will demonstrate an understanding of the physical processes that shape the patterns of Earth's surface and the characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
	(some may be assessed)		
GE:6:3.1: Describe how physical processes shape patterns in the	*Discuss differences in geography of different countries	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
physical environment, e.g. El Nino or erosion.	caused by natural disasters.	*HSD Science Curriculum	*Informal observations
GE:6:3.2: Identify the	*Research ecosystems found in various countries and how they	*Textbook: Our World	*Tests from text
components of Earth's physical system, e.g., the lithosphere or	change over time.	*Textbook: <i>Science Explorer</i> (Prentice Hall)	*Written essays, reports, etc.
hydrosphere.	*Compare and contrast countries after natural disasters (forest	*Nonfiction books	*Oral Discussion
GE:6:3.3: Illustrate how physical processes produce changes in	fires, floods, etc.)	*Graphic Organizers	*End of chapter questions
ecosystems, e.g., the process of			*Projects
succession after a forest fire or decertification.		*Magazines/National Geographic	*Quizzes
GE:6:3.4: Explain how human		*Internet	
activities influence changes in ecosystems, e.g., the introduction		*Atlases	
of exotic species.		*Almanacs	
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

# Strand: Geography

Standard GE:4: Human Systems Students will demonstrate an understanding of human migration; the complexity of cultural mosaics; economic interdependence; human settlement patterns; and the forces of cooperation and conflict among peoples.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	<b>Resources &amp; Materials</b>	Possible Assessments
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GE:6:4.1: Recognize the demographic structure of a population and its	*Discuss population in different countries and its effect on	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
underlying causes, e.g. birth rate, ethnic composition, or distribution of	humans (China has a one child law, Europe survived the bubonic	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
wealth.	plague, Africa selling their people to Europe to get	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
GE:6:4.2: Know the types and historical patterns of human migration, e.g., ethnic cleansing,	population down)	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
overcoming physical barriers, or famine.	*Discuss the first settlers in different countries and what life	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
GE:6:4.3: Understand the effects of movement on the characteristics of	was like.	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
places, e.g., acculturation, assimilation, or movement.		*Atlases	*Projects
GE:6:4.4: Analyze the spatial patterns		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
of settlement, e.g., urbanization along river, agriculture on fertile plains, or nomadic lifestyles in steppes and deserts.		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	
GE:6:4.5: Know the functions, sizes, and spatial arrangements of settlement, e.g. urban, suburban and rural.			

#### Strand: Geography Standard GE:5: Environment and Society Students will demonstrate an understanding of the connections and consequences of the interactions between Earth's physical and human systems

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
GE:6:5.1: Understand the consequences of human modification of the physical environment, e.g., coastal development or forest management. GE:6:5.2: Examine the role of technology in the human modification of the physical environment, e.g., work animals or electrical production. GE:6:5.3: Appreciate how characteristics of different physical environments provide opportunities human activities or place constraints on human activities, e.g., winter sports tourism or annual flood patterns. GE:6:5.4: Assess why people have different viewpoints regarding resource use, e.g. water rationing or recycling.	*Working in groups, research natural resources located in a world region and label them on a map. Include a key.	<ul> <li>*HSD ELA Curriculum</li> <li>*HSD Science Curriculum</li> <li>*Textbook: Science Explorer (Prentice Hall)</li> <li>*Nonfiction books</li> <li>*Graphic Organizers</li> <li>*Magazines/National Geographic</li> <li>*Internet</li> <li>*Atlases</li> <li>*Almanacs</li> <li>*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*Teacher observation</li> <li>*Informal observations</li> <li>*Tests from text</li> <li>*Written essays, reports, etc.</li> <li>*Oral Discussion</li> <li>*End of chapter questions</li> <li>*Projects</li> <li>*Quizzes</li> </ul>

#### Strand: US/NH History Standard: SS:HI:1: Political Foundations and Development

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the major ideas, issues and events pertaining to the history of governance in our state and nation.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
<ul> <li>HI:6:1.1: Explain how and why people have developed forms of self-government, e.g., the Mayflower Compact or the Iroquois League.</li> <li>HI:6:1.2: Explain how the foundations of American democracy are rooted in European, Native American and colonial traditions, experiences and institutions.</li> </ul>	*Find out where ancestors came from. *Discuss the great melting pot and what that means to us now.	<ul> <li>*HSD ELA Curriculum</li> <li>*Textbook: <i>Our World</i></li> <li>*Nonfiction books</li> <li>*Graphic Organizers</li> <li>*Magazines/National Geographic</li> <li>*Internet</li> <li>*Atlases</li> <li>*Almanacs</li> <li>*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>*Teacher observation</li> <li>*Informal observations</li> <li>*Tests from text</li> <li>*Written essays, reports, etc.</li> <li>*Oral Discussion</li> <li>*End of chapter questions</li> <li>*Projects</li> <li>*Quizzes</li> </ul>

#### Strand: US/NH History Standard HI:4: Economic Systems & Technology

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the changing forms of production, distribution and consumption of goods and services over time.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities	<b>Resources &amp; Materials</b>	Possible Assessments
	(some may be assessed)		
HI:6:4.1: Demonstrate an understanding of major	*Discuss different instruments that were used for farming.	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
developments and changes in		*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
American economic productivity, e.g. piece work, interchangeable parts, or the assembly line.	*Read about Thomas Edison and all the different things he invented.	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
		*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
HI:6:4.2: Evaluate the importance of technological inventions and inventors and	*Research an inventor and tell why they are famous and what their invention was.	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
their impact on American life,		*Internet	*End of chapter questions
e.g., household appliances or communication technologies.		*Atlases	*Projects
		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources * <i>Reading Street</i> text	

## Strand: US/NH History

Standard HI:5: Social/Cultural

Students will demonstrate an understanding of the interaction of various social groups, including their values, beliefs and practices, over time.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
HI:6:5.1: Explain the impact ethnic and religious groups have	*Discuss Martin Luther and the break away from Christianity.	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
had on the development of the	*0 1 4 41	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
United States, e.g., the Irish or the Mormons.	*Compare and contrast the different wars that have broken out due to difference of religion.	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
HI:6:5.3: Examine changes in the roles and lives of women and	*Class discussion/readings about	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
their impact on society, e.g., the family or the workplace.	the way woman are treated in different countries and how they	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
HI:6:5.4: Describe similarities	have overcome diversity.	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
and differences in the immigrant experience for various ethnic	*Research paper on a woman that has made a difference.	*Atlases	*Projects
groups, e.g., the English or Chinese.	that has made a difference.	*Almanacs	*Quizzes
Chinese.		*Primary Sources/ classroom	
		books and resources	

#### Strand: World History Standard WH:1: Political Foundations and Developments Students will demonstrate an understanding of major events, ideas and issues pertaining to the history of governance.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
Knowledge & Skills         WH:6:1.1: Describe different         types of political systems created         by people, e.g., the tribe, the         empire or the nation-state.         WH:6:1.2: Explore the use and         abuse of power.		*HSD ELA Curriculum *Textbook: <i>Our World</i> *Nonfiction books *Graphic Organizers *Magazines/National Geographic *Internet *Atlases *Almanacs	<b>Possible Assessments</b> *Teacher observation         *Informal observations         *Tests from text         *Written essays, reports, etc.         *Oral Discussion         *End of chapter questions         *Projects         *Quizzes
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

#### Strand: World History Standard WH:2: Contacts, Exchanges & International Relations Students will demonstrate their understanding of the interactions of peoples and governments over time.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
WH:6:2.1: Describe the impact of land and water routes on trade,	* <i>Follow the Silk Road</i> project. Research the Silk Road and what	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
e.g., the Silk Roads, the Atlantic Triangular Trade, or the Suez	it was used for.	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
Canal.	*Make a time line of different items that were brought on trade	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
WH:6:2.2: Explore the spread and impact of ideas and technology,	route, what was traded and from which countries.	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
e.g., the concept of zero, gunpowder or the transistor.	*Discuss and read about the	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
WH:6:2.3: Describe major	different trading that went on from one country to the next.	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
migrations, e.g., the first humans from Africa to the rest of the world, the Huns into China and	*Discuss different wars that	*Atlases	*Projects
Europe, or the Bantu across Africa.	some countries have had and why they were at war.	*Almanacs	*Quizzes
	*Choose one major war and	*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	
WH:6:2.4: Examine how military encounters have led to cultural exchange, e.g., Alexander of Macedonia, conquistadors in the	research why it occurred and how it ended.	books and resources	
New World, or 20th century Japanese imperialism in Asia.			

#### Strand: World History Standard WH:3: World Views and Value systems and their Intellectual and Artistic Expressions Students will demonstrate their understanding of conceptions of reality, ideals, guidelines of behavior and their forms of expression.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
WH:6:3.1: Differentiate the spread of world religions, e.g.,	*Make a poster showing a country and the impact that	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
Judaism, Christianity, or Islam.	country had on education, religion, and women. Share with	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
WH:6:3.2: Explore the development of education and its	class.	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
impact on societies, e.g., medicine in ancient Egypt or		*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
ancient Greece.		*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
		*Internet	*End of chapter questions
		*Atlases	*Projects
		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	

#### Strand: World History Standard WH:4: Economic Systems & Technology

Students will demonstrate their understanding of the changing forms of production, distribution and consumption of goods and services over time.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities	<b>Resources &amp; Materials</b>	Possible Assessments
	(some may be assessed)		
WH:6:4.1: Analyze the impact of the agricultural revolution on	*Read and discuss Europe in the Middle Ages including fiefs,	*HSD ELA Curriculum	*Teacher observation
humans using examples, e.g., the role of women, specialization of	vassals, serfs and kings.	*Textbook: Our World	*Informal observations
labor, or population density.	*Choose an invention from China and research it.	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
WH:6:4.2: Understand the tension over land use between settled		*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
farmers and nomadic herders using examples, e.g., ancient		*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
Mesopotamia, Asian steppe lands, or 20th Century Africa.		*Internet	*End of chapter questions
WH:6:4.3: Analyze the impact of inventions and new technologies		*Atlases	*Projects
on the agricultural system using examples, e.g., the invention of the		*Almanacs	*Quizzes
hoe, irrigation, or genetic engineering of crops.		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	
WH:6:4.4: Trace improvements in communication, e.g., the			
Sumerian development of writing, Chinese printing, or the creation of the internet			

#### Strand: World History Standard WH:5: Social/Cultural Students will demonstrate their understanding of the diversity of values, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups over time.

Knowledge & Skills	Sample Activities (some may be assessed)	Resources & Materials	Possible Assessments
WH:6:5.1: Trace the rise and impact of cities on daily life, e.g., Timbuktu, Rome, or Mexico City.	*Read and discuss the first civilizations in China, Greece,	*HSD ELA Curriculum *Textbook: <i>Our World</i>	*Teacher observation *Informal observations
WH:6:5.2: Understand how societies have educated their members, e.g., the	and Egypt (including nomads, Athens and Sparta, King Tut and the social pyramid.	*Nonfiction books	*Tests from text
oral tradition of elders, apprenticeships, or classroom schooling.	*Learn about folktales in Africa and China then write one of their	*Graphic Organizers	*Written essays, reports, etc.
WH:6:5.3: Explain the impact of	own.	*Magazines/National Geographic	*Oral Discussion
ethnic and religious groups on the development and stability of empires and nation-states, e.g., the Ancient	*Read and discuss the origin of the Olympics in Greece.	*Internet	*End of chapter questions
Persia, the Ottoman Empire, or Nigeria.	*Research festivals and	*Atlases	*Projects
WH:6:5.4: Examine forms of entertainment and leisure time	celebrations in China and share at a class Chinese festival.	*Almanacs	*Quizzes
activity, e.g., religious festivals, sporting events, or theatre.		*Primary Sources/ classroom books and resources	
WH:6:5.5: Describe the types of families that various societies have created, e.g., the extended, matrilineal, or nuclear.			