

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM SUMMARY

The purpose of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary is to present an overview of the Western Civilization curriculum. Parents are the intended audience of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary.

Early European History: Greece and Rome

Early European history includes the rise and fall of Greek city states as well as the evolution of Rome from a republic to an empire

Early Modern Times: Renaissance, Global Expansion and Absolutism

Events of the Renaissance, Protestant Reformation, Scientific Revolution and the Age of Discovery are the major focus related to the study of early modern Europe. By 1700, powerful European monarchs had set aside the feudal past and built strong nation-states through the use of absolutism and divine right.

Industrialism and a New Global Age

Many changes are introduced by the industrial age which impact human life. European countries grow as world powers; nationalism and new imperialism are studied.

The European World Today

Beginning with modern Europe after World War II, the emergence of the European Union will be the focus.

Rise of European Civilizations: Early and High Middle Ages and Rise of Nation States

Emerging modern Europe begins with the early Middle Ages that includes an analysis of feudalism, the Medieval church and economic expansion. Moving into the high middle ages, students discover the growth of royal power in Europe while analyzing cultural achievements and various crises.

Enlightenment and Revolution

New ideas and philosophies of the enlightenment thinkers are studied. These new ideas then influenced a myriad of changes in government and society.

World Wars and Revolutions

The causes, major events and results of World War I, the Russian Revolution, and World War II are studied with particular focus on the individual's influences on government.

Current Events

Current events connect ideas in Western Civilization to modern events. Other major current events (ie. Presidential elections) will be discussed as they relate to Social Studies content.