



Social Studies 2

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The Archdiocese of Baltimore's 2nd grade social studies curriculum provides students with an overview of the social sciences. Students received their initial exposure to these concepts in Kindergarten and 1st grade so this course is intended to provide students with an extension to each of the units that students learned in the previous two years. Students begin the year with an introduction to social studies skills and processes and continue to apply them throughout the course. Upon completion of the initial unit, students are introduced to civics where students begin to think about the skills and attitudes necessary to become responsible citizens. Students then apply historical thinking skills to understand how individuals and events have changed society over time. The course continues with students utilizing geographic tools, such as globes and maps, in order to investigate characteristics of places and regions. Next, students will begin a study of cultural characteristics in order to determine how people in Maryland, the United States, and the world are alike and different. After taking a cultural perspective to social studies, students will then apply an economic lens to begin to understand the roles of producers and consumers within the economy.
