

## Unit 8 Unit Plan 7th Grade Social Studies

WCPS

2025 - 2026

7th Grade Social Studies	Unit 8: Social Studies Introduction  Compelling Question: Renaissance, Reformation, Scientific Revolution, Exploration and Enlightenment – which of these movements has most impacted our modern world?  April 6- May 15 (# of Instructional Days 25)  Unit 8 DCA: No DCA
Unit Standards:	7.C.CP.1 Compare political institutions and their impacts on people in empires between 600-1600.
Standards:	7.E.ST.1 Explain the impact of supply and demand on the emergence of global markets.
	7.E.ST.3 Explain how growing interdependence and advances in technology improve standards of living.
	7.E.ST.4 Analyze the interregional trading systems of the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe between 600-1450.
	7.E.MA.1 Compare the economic development of traditional and market economies.
	7.E.MA.2 Compare how different economic systems choose to allocate the production, distribution and consumption of resources. (time dependent – mercantilism/triangular trade)
	7.G.GR.2 Use maps and other geographic representations, geospatial technologies, and spatial thinking to interpret the relationships between humans and their environment.
	7.G.MM.1 Analyze the push and pull factors that influenced movement, voluntary migration and forced migration in the societies and empires of Afro-Eurasia

	and the Americas between 600-1600.			
	7.H.CE.1 Analyze the causes and effects of the Renaissance, Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment.			
	7.H.CH.1 Indicate changes resulting from increased interactions and connections between Afro-Eurasia and the Americas between 1450-1600.			
	7.H.CO.1 Explain how religion influenced state-building, trade and cultural interactions between 600-1600			
	7.I.CC.4 Use a range of deliberative and democratic procedures to discuss current local, regional and global issues.			
	7.I.CC.5 Analyze a specific problem from the growth and expansion of civilizations using each of the social studies disciplines.			
	7.E.IC.1 Analyze how economic choices were made based on scarcity.			
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Unit Summative Assessment:	G7 Social Studies Unit 8 District Common Assessment in Pear Assessment  Date Range: No DCA			

Supporting Question #1	Supporting Question #2	Supporting Question #3	Supporting Question #4	Supporting Question #5
How did the Renaissance movement utilize classical thought and inspire new learning (especially in art and architecture)?  Vocabulary: Humanism, secular, Medici, individualism,perspective, and patron.	How did the Protestant Reformation change Europe? What role did the printing press play in the spread of ideas? Vocabulary: Martin Luther, vernacular, indulgences, 95 Theses, heretic/heresy, Reformation, and movable type.	What are the adaptations and new discoveries developed during the Scientific Revolution?  Vocabulary: Heliocentric, geocentric, and revolution.	What were the motivations for the Age of Exploration and how did it impact the environment, trade, and global interaction?  Vocabulary: spices, expansion, capitalism, market economy, mercantilism, colony, Columbian Exchange, and Triangle of trade.	How did enlightenment thinkers influence ideas around rights and responsibilities of citizens?  Vocabulary: Natural Rights, and responsibilities.
Formative Assessment Ideas:	Formative Assessment Ideas:	Formative Assessment Ideas:	Formative Assessment Ideas:	Formative Assessment Ideas:
(Teachers can supplement with their own assessments/ideas.)	(Teachers can supplement with their own assessments/ideas.)	(Teachers can supplement with their own assessments/ideas.)	(Teachers can supplement with their own assessments/ideas.)	(Teachers can supplement with their own assessments/ideas.)
Sources:	Sources:	Sources:	Sources:	Sources:
Primary: Florence Renaissance Decision Making	Primary: Martin Luther DBQ	Primary: Scientific Revolution DBQ	Primary:  Secondary: Columbian  Exchange Newsela Article	Primary: Secondary:
Secondary: Renaissance Exploration and Discovery	Secondary: Cultural Effects of Printing Press- New Visions	Secondary: Scientific  Discoveries Scientific Revolution- new visions	Age of Exploration- new Visions	Enlightenment Philosopher readings

New Visions     New Visions     effection       Characteristics of     Idea	weries and their s- New Visions  that influenced the iffic revolution- new ns  Impacts on new and old world- new visions  Exploration Readings
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