



INSPIRE • INNOVATE • ENGAGE

NORTH SHORE

SCHOOL DISTRICT 112

7th Grade Social Studies

In North Shore School District 112 social studies instruction is guided by the Illinois Social Science Standards, to provide students with a strong foundation in civics, geography, economics, and history. These standards emphasize inquiry-based learning, encouraging students to ask questions, evaluate evidence, and develop informed conclusions about the world around them. Through relevant lessons, students explore multiple perspectives, connect past to present, and build the skills they need to be thoughtful, active participants in their communities and beyond.

Foundations of geography skills and terminology

- Use maps, graphs and charts throughout the year to analyze and better understand the historical landscape

Forming a New Nation, Launching the New Republic

- Analyze pre European exploration and early colonialism
- Identify the cause and effect process that lead to the American Revolution
- Analyze the effectiveness of the Articles of Confederation
- Analyze the importance of the Declaration of Independence
- Identify the main features of the Constitution and describe the basic lawmaking process
- Analyze how the Constitution divides powers among various levels and branches and preserves individual rights
- Identify key rights and freedoms protected by the Bill of Rights and explain why those freedoms are important in their own lives

An Expanding Nation, Americans in the Mid1800s

- Describe the changing boundaries of the United States throughout the 1800s
- Analyze the motives, hardships, and economic incentives associated with westward expansion

The Union Challenged

- Trace the effects of territorial expansion on the debate over slavery
- Explain how key events of the Civil War, like the Battle of Gettysburg, affected soldiers and civilians
- Examine the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments and their role in Reconstruction