

Social Studies Grade — Seventh Grade

How to read this document:

This curriculum map outlines, for each grade, the topics students will explore. The Illinois State Standards and the college Career and Civic Life Framework inform learning experiences planned for students so that they can acquire a set of important understanding and skills that equip them in the disciplines of social science. The understanding are the big ideas that we expect students to carry forward with them as they move from grade to grade. Inquiry learning is the basis for students acquiring social science knowledge per Social Science Standards. The concepts for each unit will take the inquiry method below as the structure on how students learn the standards and through integration strategies for K-8.

Developing Questions and Planning Inquiries	Evaluating Sources and Using Evidence	Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructing Essential Questions Constructing Supporting Questions Determining Helpful Sources <p>Use QFT protocol - (Question Formulation Technique-see curriculum website)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering And Evaluating Sources Developing Claims and Using Evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicating Conclusions Critiquing Conclusions Taking Informed Action

ISBE Message

The Illinois Learning Standards (ILS) define what all students in all illinois public schools should know and be able to do in the six core areas as a result of their elementary and secondary schooling. The purpose of these new, more rigorous standards is to better prepare students to be college and career ready.

Month/Semester/Trimester

Topic/Unit	Focus Standards	Enduring Understanding	Assessment/Product	Resources
This is the subject that the students will learn about.	Focus standards are the skills that students will learn and apply while studying the topic of this unit.	Enduring Understandings are the big ideas that students should understand by the end of the unit.	Assessments/Product are the student work products that students will do as part of the unit to demonstrate their knowledge of the skills and understandings.	These are the resources teachers and students will utilize in order to learn and investigate their questions through the inquiry process. These could be hardcopy and online resources.

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Topic/Unit	Focus Standards	Enduring Understanding	Assessment/Product	Resources
Illinois Constitution			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Illinois Constitution Test	
Revolutionary War				
Industrial Revolution				
Growth & Expansion				
Civil War & Causes				