

Today's Social Studies... Creating Effective Citizens

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Today's social studies teaches students:

- ❖ to understand cultures—systems of beliefs, knowledge, values, and traditions—so they can relate to people in our nation and throughout the world.
- ❖ to develop historic perspective and understand how things change and develop—so they can make informed choices and decisions in the present.
- ❖ to understand geography and space beyond their personal locations—so they can be effective decision makers regarding the relationship between human beings and their environment.
- ❖ to understand human behavior and personal identity—so they can better understand the processes and ethical principles underlying individual action.
- ❖ to comprehend the formation, control and influences of institutions—so they can work through institutional change for the common good.
- ❖ to understanding the historical development of structures of power, authority, and governance and their evolving functions in contemporary society—so they can develop civic competence.
- ❖ to understand how the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services is organized—so they can function effectively in an interdependent world economy.
- ❖ to interpret the relationships among science, technology, and society—so they are prepared to make difficult social choices.
- ❖ to analyze the realities of global interdependence and connections—so they can find solutions to persisting and emerging global issues.
- ❖ to understand civic ideals and practices across time and in diverse societies—so they can participate fully in our society.

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- **Anthropology**
- **Archaeology**
- **Economics**
- **Geography**
- **History**
- **Law**
- **Philosophy**
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**
- **Religion**
- **Sociology**
- **appropriate content from the humanities, mathematics, and natural sciences**

Through these disciplines, social studies teaches about:

- **Culture**
- **Time, Continuity, and Change**
- **People, Places, and Environment**
- **Individual Development and Identity**
- **Individuals, Groups, and Institutions**
- **Power, Authority, and Governance**
- **Production, Distribution, and Consumption**
- **Science, Technology, and Society**
- **Global Connections**
- **Civic Ideals and Practices**