

# **The Sherman School Social Studies Curriculum**

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# Philosophy

The foundation of the Sherman School Social Studies curriculum focuses on each individual's role and responsibility as a member of an ever-changing, global community. Students must have the opportunity to analyze the past, learn from it, and apply democratic principles to make decisions and solve problems within their own community, country, and the world.

***“Liberty cannot be preserved without a general knowledge among the people.”***

***-John Adams***

## **Assessments**

Quizzes

Tests

Portfolios

Anecdotal Records

Research Papers

Interviews

Checklists

Rubrics

Journal Writing

Oral Presentations

Visual Presentations

Multimedia Presentations

Written Self-Evaluations

Reflective Assessment

Hands-On Performance Based Assessment

# **Social Studies Curriculum**

## **K-8 Content Overview**

### **Kindergarten**

- Self/Citizenship
- Holidays and Cultural Celebrations

### **Grade One**

- My Family and Other Families
- Neighbors and Community
- Cultural Diversity and Freedom

### **Grade Two**

- The Community of Sherman: Past and Present
- Communities of the Americas

### **Grade Three**

- Mapping Our World
- Cultures of the World
- Current Events

### **Grade Four**

- Our Country: Geography and Regions
- Connecticut
- United States Government

### **Grade Five**

- Native Americans
- Explorers of the New World
- Colonies to Conflict
- Expansion and the Civil War
- Current Events

## **Grade Six**

- Mesopotamia
- Ancient Egypt
- Ancient China
- Ancient Greece
- Ancient Rome
- Current Events

## **Grade Seven**

- The Five Themes of Geography
- Latin America
- Africa
- Europe
- The Middle East
- Asia
- Australia
- Current Events

## **Grade Eight**

- The Constitution
- 1865-1945
- The United States in the Modern World
- The Civil Rights Movement
- Current Events