

Ignite!™ SOCIAL STUDIES

Curriculum Topics

Texas History (for Texas schools)

Texas Geography

- The Five Themes of Geography
- Mapping Texas
- Weather and Climate of Texas
- Waterways of Texas
- Regions of Texas
- The Political Geography of Texas
- Human Effects on Texas Geography

Native Americans of Texas

- Prehistoric Texas
- Gulf Coast Native Americans
- East Texas Native Americans
- Plains Native Americans
- North Central Native Americans
- Far West Texas Native Americans
- Texas Native Americans Decline

European Exploration of Texas

- Spanish Exploration
- Spanish Discovery of New Lands
- Spanish Explore a New Continent
- French Exploration & Settlement
- Spanish Missions

Early Settlement of Texas

- Spanish Life in Texas
- Spanish Rebellion
- Anglo American Colonization
- Empresarios and New Colonies
- Life in Colonial Texas

Texas Revolution

- Tension Between Texas and Mexico
- Mexico and Texas Clash
- Texas Rebellion
- The Battle of the Alamo
- The War Rages On
- The Battle of San Jacinto

Independence / Texas Republic

- Declaration of Independence
- The Treaties of Velasco
- The Republic & President Houston
- The Republic & President Lamar
- President Houston's 2nd Term

Statehood and the Mexican War

- The Annexation of Texas
- State Constitution
- Life in the State of Texas
- War with Mexico
- Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo

Civil War and Reconstruction

- Texas Secession
- Texas Fights for the Confederacy
- The Civil War Affects Texans
- Freedmen
- Presidential Reconstruction
- Congressional Reconstruction
- Radical Republicans in Texas

Texas Frontier

- Frontier Line
- Attempts to Make Peace
- Frontier Wars
- The Disappearing Texas Frontier

Growth of Agriculture and Industry

- Tenant Farming and Sharecropping
- King Cotton
- Texas Ranching
- Cattle Trails
- Industry in Texas
- Oil in Texas
- From Farming to Industry

20th Century through the 1920s

- Railroad Reform and Populism
- The Progressives
- Women Bring Reform
- Mexican Revolution
- Texas and World War I
- Postwar Industry Grows & Changes
- 1920's Postwar Modernization

Great Depression & World War II

- Causes of the Great Depression
- Life During the Great Depression
- The New Deal
- Causes of World War II

- Texas's Contribution to the War
- Life During & After World War II

Baby Boom to the 21st Century

- Population Grows & Diversifies
- Boom and Bust Economy in Texas
- Technology in Texas
- Texas Civil Rights Movement
- Texas Politics

Peoples of Texas

- Native American
- African American
- Hispanic
- European
- Middle Eastern
- Asian

Economy and Society of Texas

- NAFTA
- Urban vs. Rural Texas
- Population Densities & Growth
- Demographics
- Public Issues
- Energy Conservation & Resources
- Conserving Water in Texas

Texas Citizenship and Government

- Constitutions and Bill of Rights
- Texas State Government
- Local Government
- Texas Civic Responsibilities
- Famous Citizens & Leaders

Early American History

Exploration & Settlement – The Promise of a New Land 1492–1750

- Columbus
- Cortés and the Aztecs
- Age of Exploration
- The Quest for Freedom
- Freedom of Religion
- Planting the Seeds of Liberty
- Jamestown: The First Permanent British Colony
- Working for a Living
- Trading Overseas
- Regional Differences
- Building Early Society
- Scientific Innovations of the New World

Colonialism – Claiming the New World 1600–1763

- The British Melting Pot
- Developing American Culture
- The French Presence in America
- Native America
- A Clash of Cultures
- Expanding People, Expanding Territory
- King Philip's War (1675–1676)
- French & Indian War (1754–1763)
- Colonial Unity in War
- Aftermath of War
- Continuing Tensions
- England Takes Control

Before the Revolution – Tensions Rise 1763–1776

- Proclamation of 1763
- America's Coming of Age
- America's Divided Loyalty
- England's New Debt
- British View of America
- British Global Power
- Events Leading to the Boston Massacre (Mar. 5, 1770)
- Events Leading to the Boston Tea Party (Dec. 16, 1773)
- Events Leading to the Second Continental Congress (May 1775)
- The Spirit of Revolution
- Declaration of Independence (July 4, 1776)
- A Brief History of Democracy

The American Revolution – The Shot Heard 'Round the World 1775–1783

- The Beginning of War
- Key Battles
- Americans Who Rose to Power
- British Forces
- The Continental Army

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Foreign Allies

- The Promise of Freedom
- The Makings of a New Government
- The Price of Victory
- Britain After the War
- The Impact on France
- The Continual Influence of the Revolution

The Birth of the Constitution – Forging a Democracy 1781–1796

- The Articles of Confederation
- An Uprising Among the Poor
- Slavery in the Land of the Free
- Our Nation's Founders
- Federalists vs Antifederalists
- The Constitutional Convention
- The Bill of Rights
- American Influences
- European Influences
- Who was George Washington?
- Setting a Precedent
- The Key Actions that Made for a Good Presidency

Understanding Our Democracy – The Rights and Responsibilities of the Citizen 1787–Present

- Three Branches
- States' Rights
- The Influences of Factions
- The Electoral Process
- Constitutional Amendments
- How a Bill Becomes a Law
- The Individual vs the State
- Limited Freedom of Speech
- Sacrificing for the Greater Good
- Voting
- The Media
- Protest and Civil Disobedience

America's New Politics and Diplomacy – America Comes of Age 1789–1815

- The Presidents, their Cabinets, and their Relationships with Congress
- The Vice Presidency
- Federalism vs Republicanism
- The First Supreme Court
- Judiciary Act of 1801
- Marbury v Madison
- France
- Jay's Treaty (1794) & Pinckney's Treaty (1795)
- The Barbary States (1801–1805)
- Tecumseh and the Battle of Tippecanoe (1811)
- Prewar Tensions with England
- The War of 1812

The Growth of American Society – Defining America 1795–1815

- Alexander Hamilton and the National Bank
- Barriers to Foreign Trade
- Early Industry
- The Changing Character of the Nation
- Coming to Terms with Liberty
- Literature and Religion
- Fighting for One's Beliefs
- The Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)
- The Era of Good Feelings
- Population Growth
- Land Expansion
- Explorers

The Age of Jackson–The Impacts of Jacksonian Democracy 1800–1850

- Andrew Jackson
- The Culture He Influenced
- The Politics that Surrounded Him
- The Cherokee and the Trail of Tears
- Official Policy and Rhetoric
- Contested Land on the Frontier
- The Monroe Doctrine
- Florida, Texas, and California
- The Mexican War (1846–1848)
- Wars and Bloodshed in Native America
- Living on the Broadening Frontier
- The Culture of the Frontier

Social Reformation–A Search for Democracy for All 1800–1850

- Economic Situation
- Eli Whitney

Developing Industry

- Reform in Art and Culture
- Immigration
- Institutional Reform
- The Cult of True Womanhood
- The Seneca Falls Convention
- Labor Unions
- The Link Between the Abolition of Slavery and Women's Suffrage
- Women's Suffrage

Sectionalism – Differences Between North and South 1832–1861

- The Effects of the Cotton Gin
- The Nullification Crisis and its Effects
- The Northern & Southern Economies
- Land Division
- Congressional Representation in Congress and Slavery
- Separate Northern & Southern Cultures
- Definition of Abolition
- Courageous Individuals
- The Power of the Free Press
- Democratic Efforts to Resolve the Slavery Issue
- States' Rights
- The Election of Lincoln

The Civil War–A House Divided 1861–1865

- Secession
- The Beginning of the War
- The War Years
- The Life of a Soldier
- Effects on Society
- The World Responds
- The Confederacy Weakens
- The End of War
- Lincoln's Assassination
- The Plight of Freedmen
- Sharecropping
- A Defeated South

Reconstruction–Union from the Ashes of the Civil War 1865–1875

- Definition of Reconstruction
- Radical Reconstruction Congress
- Putting the Plan into Action
- The New Amendments
- Freedmen's Bureau
- Social Reform
- Johnson's Impeachment
- Grant's Corrupt Politics
- Taking Advantage of Reconstruction
- Sharecropping
- Southern Economic Ruin
- Industry

The End of Reconstruction – A Nation Moves Forward 1875–1877

- Anti-African American Laws
- Organized Terrorism
- How the Reconstruction Era was Remembered
- Rise of the New South
- Election of Hayes
- Compromise of 1877
- New Era of Native American Leaders
- General Custer
- California and the Fate of the Modoc
- Growth in American Economy and Industry
- Continued Violence
- Growth of African American Culture and Opportunities

Review–The Promise Fulfilled 1492–1877

- History Repeats Itself
- Cause and Effect
- Differing Perspectives
- Early Explorers
- Colonies
- Land Disputes
- Roots of Conflict
- Tension Builds
- War and Independence
- Crafting the Constitution
- Rights and Freedom
- A Blueprint for Government
- Defining Federal Government
- Domestic and Foreign Policy
- A Changing Nation

Jacksonian Era
Expansion
Social Change
States' Rights
Slavery
Civil War
Plans for Reunion
Actions and Policies
Reactions

World Cultures

Social Studies Skills

Reading Maps
Kinds of Maps
Interpreting Maps
Reading Charts and Graphs
Reading Timelines
Understanding Archaeology

Key Concepts in World Studies

Geography
Earth Systems
Natural Resources
Geologic Formations

Development of Human Societies

Human Migration Patterns
Humans and the Environment
The Study of History
Forms of Government
Characteristics of Culture
Economic Systems

Judaism

Origins of Judaism
Beliefs of Judaism
Exodus and Migration of Hebrews
Survival of Judaism

Islam and the Ottoman Empire

Origins of Islam
Trade and the Spread of Islam
Legacy of Early Muslim Scholars
History of the Ottoman Empire
Ottoman Social Structure

History of the U.S. and Canada

Early Societies
American Revolution
Early History (1800–1866)
Early History (1866–early 1900s)
World War I
Great Depression
World War II
Recent Events (1945–present day)

Recent United States and Canada

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, Peoples, and Resources
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent Mexico & Central America

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Nations, Peoples, and Resources
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The Caribbean

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Recent South America

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Europe in Transition

Nationalism
Imperialism and Empires
European Culture
Industrial Revolution
Industrialism and Society

Recent Western Europe

Geography of Northern Europe
Peoples of Northern Europe
Geography of Southern Europe
Peoples of Southern Europe

Cultures of Northern Europe
Cultures of Southern Europe
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent Eastern Europe

Geography of Eastern Europe
Peoples of Eastern Europe
Geography of Russia/Central Asia
Peoples of Russia/Central Asia
Cultures of Eastern Europe
Cultures of Russia/Central Asia
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent North Africa

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, Peoples, and Resources
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent Central & Southern Africa

Geography of Central Africa
Peoples of Central Africa
Geography of Southern Africa
Peoples of Southern Africa
Independence Movements
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent West and East Africa

Geography of West Africa
People of West Africa
Geography of East Africa
People of East Africa
Independence Movements
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent Eastern Mediterranean

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, People, and Resources
Creation of Israel
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent Middle East and Arabia

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, People, and Resources
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent South Asia and India

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, People, and Resources
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent Southeast Asia

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, People, and Resources
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Recent East Asia

Physical Geography and Climate
Nations, People, and Resources
World War II
China and the Rise of Communism
Recent Events
Cultures
Economies
Government and Citizenship

Oceania

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Early Humans

Paleolithic Period
Mesolithic Period
Neolithic Period
Beginnings of Civilization

Ancient Egypt

Physical Geography and Climate
Old Kingdom
Middle Kingdom and New Kingdom
Culture
Trade

Early African Civilizations

Physical Geography and Climate
Early East African Civilizations
Early West African Civilizations
Legacy of African Civilizations

Mesopotamia

Physical Geography and Climate
Settlement of Mesopotamia
Early Civilizations of Mesopotamia
Later Civilizations of Mesopotamia
Hammurabi's Code

Ancient China

Physical Geography and Climate
Huang-He Valley
Confucianism and Taoism
Qin Dynasty and Han Dynasty
The Silk Road
Spread of Buddhism
Science and Technology
Economics and Daily Life

Early Modern China

Reunification of China
T'ang Dynasty and Sung Dynasty
Confucianism
International Trade
Innovations
Social Structure

Ancient India

Physical Geography and Climate
Early Civilizations of India
Origins of Hinduism
Caste System
Origins and Spread of Buddhism
Mauryan and Gupta Empires
Culture

Early History of Japan

Physical Geography and Climate
Prince Shotoku of Japan
Japanese Buddhism
Culture of Early Japan
Japanese Feudalism

Mesoamericans and Andeans

Physical Geography and Climate
Mayan Civilization
Inca Empire
Aztec Empire
European Conquest of Mesoamerica
Comparison: Maya, Inca, & Aztec

Ancient Greece

Physical Geography and Climate
Athens and Sparta
Persian and Peloponnesian Wars
Birth of Democracy
Mythology and Literature
Culture
Alexander the Great

Ancient Rome

Physical Geography and Climate
The Roman Republic
Growth of the Roman Republic
From Republic to Empire
Religion
Spread of Christianity
Culture
Legacy of Ancient Rome

Decline of the Roman Empire

Weaknesses
Division
Byzantine Empire
Fall of the Western Empire

Europe in the Middle Ages

Physical Geography and Climate
Feudalism in Medieval Europe
Towns and Trading
William the Conqueror
Influential Medieval English Law
The Bubonic Plague
The Hundred Years' War
Culture of the Middle Ages

Religion in Medieval Europe

Spread of Christianity
Conflict Between Leaders
The Crusades
Impact of the Catholic Church
Muslims and the Reconquista
Persecution of Jews in Europe

The Renaissance in Europe

Spirit of the Renaissance
Geography of the Renaissance
Technology in the Renaissance
Art in the Renaissance

The Reformation

Origins of the Reformation
People of the Reformation
Protestantism
The Counter-Reformation
Missionaries and Christianity

Scientific Revolution in Europe

Roots of the Scientific Revolution
Copernicus
Galileo
Kepler
Newton
Inventions and Discoveries
Impact of Scientific Revolution

Exploration and Trade

Marco Polo and the Silk Road
The Age of Exploration
International Trade
European Colonization
Origins of Modern Capitalism

Revolution and Enlightenment

Revolution in England
Origins of the Enlightenment
Enlightenment and Government
Documents of the Age of Reason
The French Revolution
Napoleon Bonaparte

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20th Century Europe

World War I in Europe
The Russian Revolution
Causes of World War II in Europe
World War II in Europe
End of World War II in Europe
The Cold War in Europe
End of the Cold War in Europe
After the Cold War in Europe

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Enrichment Activities: Knowledge Retrieval

Self-Government	Trade
Events Leading to the Civil War	Immigration
Industrialization	Constitution
Civilization	Civil Rights and
Colonies and the American	Civil Disobedience
Revolution	Scientists
The Civil War (1861-1865)	Westward Expansion