

Course Description

Grade 3 Social Studies

Philosophy Statement: Social Studies is the systematic study of the social structures of the world from creation to the present day. By studying the individual components of social studies we learn how God's sovereign hand directs the affairs of mankind to reveal and accomplish His purpose. ("Look unto me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Isaiah 45:22) Each area of study sees God as the Divine Creator of all things; in control of every aspect of history, at work in the lives of individuals, and in control of timing of events on the earth in order to reveal His glory and expand His kingdom.

Course Objective: Students will develop a knowledge of history and its Biblical significance to mankind; understand and apply knowledge of world geography and cultures from a Biblical perspective; develop an understanding of government(s) and the responsibilities of Christ-like citizens; and develop a knowledge from a Biblical perspective of production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.

Textbooks: Heritage Studies 3 for Christian Schools
BJU Press
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The History of Our United States
Abeka
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Materials:

- Heritage Studies 3 Worktext, BJU Press 2006
- Map Studies for Today, Weekly Reader Publishing 2008

Time Allotment: 30 minutes 4 times per week

Course Content:

- French and Indian War
- Thirteen Colonies
- Revolutionary War
- Great Awakening
- Formation of the United States
- The Western Movement and the role of pioneers
- Civil War
- Map studies skills
- Junior Achievement

Areas to be evaluated:

- Quizzes
- Tests
- Workbook activities
- Teacher made activities
- Memorization of Preamble to the Constitution

Additional activities:

- Historical biographies/wax museum presentation
- Map games