

Course Description

Grade 5 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: The students will study and explore the geography and history of the Eastern Hemisphere. Students will learn about the first people who lived in Mesopotamia, continuing with the study of the Middle East, then the rest of Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, and Antarctica. They will learn from a biblical perspective about the things God has accomplished through the people and nations in each of these locations since the creation of the world through current times. This will be accomplished through the use of reading, discussion, map studies, research, and participation in individual and group projects.

Textbooks:

Old World History and Geography
ABeka Book
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The World
Macmillan/McGraw-Hill
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Materials:

- Old World History and Geography, Maps and Activities, A Beka Book, 1999
- Old World History and Geography, Test Books, A Beka Books, 1999

Time Allotment: 40 minutes per day, 5 days per week

Course Content:

- Asia
- Africa
- Europe
- Australia, Oceania, and Antarctica
- Geography Handbook – Atlas, Continent Studies, Geography Facts

Areas to be evaluated:

- Daily work
- Class Participation
- Tests
- Quizzes
- Projects

Additional activities:

- Asian origami project
- Asian calligraphy project
- Africa map skills and research packet
- Middle Ages castle construction
- European country posters
- Guest speakers
- Middle East food tasting