Course Title: Social Studies 7

Unit Title: An Introduction to World History Length of Unit: 8 weeks

Grade Level: 7

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Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning Targets & "I can" Statements	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
 6-G1.1.1 Explain and use a variety of maps, globes, and web based geography technology to study the world, including global, interregional, regional, and local scales. 6/7–G1.1.2 Draw an accurate sketch map from memory of the Eastern Hemisphere showing the major regions (Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia/Oceania, Antarctica). 7–G1.2.2 Explain why maps of the same place may vary as a result of the cultural or historical background of the cartographer. 6/7–G1.2.6 Apply the skills of geographic inquiry (asking geographic information, organizing geographic information, analyzing geographic information, analyzing geographic information, and answering geographic questions) to analyze a problem or issue of importance to a region of the Eastern Hemisphere. 6/7–G1.3.3 Explain the different ways in which places are connected and how 	 How can we know about the past? Why is it important to treat maps and "history" as accounts? How do historians know and create accounts about the past? Why might historians have different and sometimes conflicting versions of the same event? 	Close-reading Contextualizing Corroborating Event Evidence Framing Geographic features Historical argument Historical problem History Perspective Primary sources Representations/accounts Secondary sources Significance Social institutions Sourcing Spatial scales Temporal frames (time)		Paper (chart/lined) Colored pencils Data projector Student notebook World map World history textbook Online maps/resources

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those connections demonstrate interdependence and accessibility.		
7–G2.1.2 Use information from GIS, remote sensing and the World Wide Web to compare and contrast the surface features and vegetation of the continents of the Eastern Hemisphere.		
6/7–G2.2.3 Analyze how culture and experience influence people's perception of places and regions (e.g., that beaches are places where tourists travel, cities have historic buildings, northern places are cold, equatorial places are very warm).		
7–G4.1.1 Identify and explain examples of cultural diffusion within the Eastern Hemisphere (e.g., the spread of sports, music, architecture, television, Internet, Bantu languages in Africa, Islam in Western Europe).		
6/7–H1.1.1 Explain why and how historians use eras and periods as constructs to organize and explain human activities over time.		
6/7–H1.1.2 Compare and contrast several different calendar systems used in the past and present and their cultural significance (e.g., Sun Dial, Gregorian calendar – B.C./A.D.; contemporary secular – B.C.E./C.E.; Chinese, Hebrew, and Islamic/Hijri calendars).		
6/7–H1.2.1 Explain how historians use a variety of sources to explore the past		

(e.g., artifacts, primary and secondary sources including narratives, technology, historical maps, visual/mathematical quantitative data, radiocarbon dating, DNA analysis).		
7–H1.2.2 Read and comprehend a historical passage to identify basic factual knowledge and the literal meaning by indicating who was involved, what happened, where it happened, what events led to the development, and what consequences or outcomes followed.		
7–H1.2.3 Identify the point of view (perspective of the author) and context when reading and discussing primary and secondary sources.		
7–H1.2.4 Compare and evaluate competing historical perspectives about the past based on proof.		
7–H1.2.5 Describe how historians use methods of inquiry to identify cause effect relationships in history noting that many have multiple causes.		
6/7–H1.4.1 Describe and use cultural institutions to study an era and a region (political, economic, religion/ belief, science/technology, written language, education, family). 6/7–H1.4.2 Describe and use themes of history to study patterns of change and continuity.		

Course Title: Social Studies 7

Unit Title: Beginnings of Human Societies

Length of Unit: 5 weeks

Grade Level: 7

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Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
 6/7-G1.1.1 Explain and use a variety of maps, globes, and web based geography technology to study the world, including global, interregional, regional, and local scales. 7–G1.2.1 Locate the major landforms, rivers and climate regions of the Eastern Hemisphere. 7–G1.2.5 Use information from modern technology such as Geographic Positioning System (GPS), Geographic Information System (GIS), and satellite remote sensing to locate information and process maps and data to analyze spatial patterns of the Eastern Hemisphere to answer geographic questions. 6/7–G2.1.1 Describe the landform features and the climate of the region (within the Western or Eastern Hemispheres) under study. 6/7–G2.2.3 Analyze how culture and experience influence people's perception of places and regions (e.g., that beaches are places where tourists travel, cities have historic buildings, northern places are cold, equatorial places are very warm). 6/7–G3.2.2 Identify ecosystems of a continent and explain why some provide 	 Targets & "I can" Statements How can we know about the past? How do we learn about humans and human ancestors in prehistoric times, before there was writing? How and why did humanity spread across the Earth? How did the natural environment shape the ways people lived in the Paleolithic Era? How and why did many humans begin to shift from full time foraging to living in settled villages? 	Adaptation Agriculture Domestication Evolution Evolution Evidence Foraging Metacognition Migration Neolithic Era Paleolithic Era Settlement Social institutions Specialization World history		Paper (chart/lined) Colored pencils Data projector Student notebook World map World history textbook Online maps/resources Chromebook Tape White board World atlases

greater opportunities (fertile soil,	
precipitation) for humans to use than do	
other ecosystems and how that changes	
with technology (e.g., China's humid	
east and arid west and the effects of	
irrigation technology).	
7–G4.3.2 Describe patterns of settlement	
by using historical and modern maps	
(e.g., the location of the world's mega	
cities, other cities located near coasts	
and navigable rivers, regions under	
environmental stress such as the Sahel).	
6/7–H1.1.1 Explain why and how	
historians use eras and periods as	
constructs to organize and explain	
human activities over time.	
6/7–H1.2.1 Explain how historians use a	
variety of sources to explore the past	
(e.g., artifacts, primary and secondary	
sources including narratives, technology,	
historical maps, visual/mathematical	
quantitative data, radiocarbon dating,	
DNA analysis).	
6/7-H1.2.2 Read and comprehend a	
historical passage to identify basic	
factual knowledge and the literal	
meaning by indicating who was	
involved, what happened, where it	
happened, what events led to the	
development, and what consequences or	
outcomes followed.	
6/7–H1.4.2 Describe and use themes of	
history to study patterns of change and	
continuity.	
6/7–H1.4.3 Use historical perspectives to	
analyze global issues faced by humans	
long ago and today.	

6–W1.1.1 Describe the early migrations		
of people among Earth's continents		
(including the Berringa Land Bridge).		
6–W1.1.2 Examine the lives of hunting		
and gathering people during the earliest		
eras of human society (tools and		
weapons, language, fire).		
6–W1.2.1 Describe the transition from		
hunter gatherers to sedentary agriculture		
(domestication of plants and animals).		
6–W1.2.2 Describe the importance of		
the natural environment in the		
development of agricultural settlements		
in different locations (e.g., available		
water for irrigation, adequate		
precipitation, and suitable growing		
season).		
6–W1.2.3 Explain the impact of the		
Agricultural Revolution (stable food		
supply, surplus, population growth,		
trade, division of labor, development of		
settlements).		
7–W1.1.1 Explain how and when human		
communities populated major regions of		
the Eastern Hemisphere (Africa,		
Australia, Europe, Asia) and adapted to a		
variety of environments.		
7–W1.1.2 Explain what archaeologists		
have learned about Paleolithic and		
Neolithic patterns of living in Africa,		
Western Europe, and Asia.		
7–W1.2.1 Explain the importance of the		
natural environment in the development		
of agricultural settlements in different		
locations (e.g., available water for		
irrigation, adequate precipitation, and		
suitable growth season).		

 7–W1.2.2 Explain the impact of the Agricultural Revolution (stable food supply, surplus, population growth, trade, division of labor, development of settlements). 7-W 2.1.1 Describe the importance of the development of human language, oral and written, and its relationship to the development of culture • verbal vocalizations • standardization of physical (rock, bird) and abstract (love, fear) words • pictographs to abstract writing (governmental administration, laws, codes, history and artistic expressions) 				
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Course Title: Social Studies 7 Unit Title: Early Civilizations and Pastoral Peoples

Length of Unit: 5 weeks

Grade Level: 7

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Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
	Targets & "I can" Statements			
 6/7-G1.1.1 Explain and use a variety of maps, globes, and web based geography technology to study the world, including global, interregional, regional, and local scales. 7 – G1.2.3 Use observations from air photos, photographs (print and CD), films (VCR and DVD) as the basis for answering geographic questions about the human and physical characteristics 	 How did humans organize and interact within and across societies? How did geography shape the way in which people lived in various world zones during Era 2? How and why did civilizations develop 	Cities Civilization Conflict and cooperation Cultural diffusion Evidence Geographic luck Intensification Nomadic pastoralism Power and authority River valley		Paper (chart/lined) Colored pencils Data projector Student notebook World map World history textbook Online maps/resources Chromebook Tape White board World atlases
 of places and regions. 6 – G1.2.4 Use observations from air photos, photographs (print and CD), films (VCR and DVD) as the basis for answering geographic questions about the human and physical characteristics of places and regions. 	 during Era 2? 4. What new problems and solutions emerged from living in civilizations during Era 2? 5. What role did cultural diffusion play during Era 2? 	civilizations Social hierarchy Specialization Technology World zones Writing		
7 – G1.2.6 Apply the skills of geographic inquiry (asking geographic questions, acquiring geographic information, organizing geographic information, analyzing geographic information, and answering geographic questions) to analyze a problem or issue	r ay and g an at			

of importance to a region of the Eastern Hemisphere.		
7 – G1.3.2 Explain the locations and distributions of physical and human characteristics of Earth by using knowledge of spatial patterns.		
7 – G1.3.3 Explain the different ways in which places are connected and how those connections demonstrate interdependence and accessibility		
6/7–G1.3.3 Explain the different ways in which places are connected and how those connections demonstrate interdependence and accessibility		
6/7–G2.1.1 Describe the landform features and the climate of the region (within the Western or Eastern Hemispheres) under study.		
6/7–G2.2.1 Describe the human characteristics of the region under study (including languages, religion, economic system, governmental system, cultural traditions).		
6 – G3.2.2 Identify ecosystems and explain why some are more attractive for humans to use than are others (e.g., mid-latitude forest in North America, high latitude of Peru, tropical forests in Honduras, fish or marine vegetation in coastal zones).		

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6/7–G3.2.2 Identify ecosystems of a			
continent and explain why some provide greater opportunities (fertile soil,			
precipitation) for humans to use than do			
other ecosystems and how that changes			
with technology (e.g., China's humid			
east and arid west and the effects of irrigation technology).			
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6/7–G4.1.1 Identify and explain			
examples of cultural diffusion within the			
Eastern Hemisphere (e.g., the spread of sports, music, architecture, television,			
Internet, Bantu languages in Africa,			
Islam in Western Europe).			
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6/7 – G4.3.1 Identify places in the Eastern Hemisphere that have been			
modified to be suitable for settlement by			
describing the modifications that were			
necessary (e.g., Nile River irrigation,			
reclamation of land along the North Sea, planting trees in areas that have become			
desertified in Africa).			
6/7 – G4.4.1 Identify and explain factors that contribute to conflict and			
cooperation between and among cultural			
groups (e.g., natural resources, power,			
culture, wealth).			
6/7–G4.3.2 Describe patterns of			
settlement by using historical and			
modern maps (e.g., the location of the			
world's mega cities, other cities located			
near coasts and navigable rivers, regions under environmental stress such as the			
Sahel).			
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6–G5.1.3 Identify the ways in which			
human-induced changes in the physical			
environment in one place can cause			
changes in other places (e.g., cutting			
forests in one region may result in river			
basin flooding elsewhere; building a			
dam floods land upstream and may			
permit irrigation in another region).			
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6/7–H1.1.1 Explain why and how			
historians use eras and periods as			
constructs to organize and explain			
human activities over time.			
6/7–H1.2.1 Explain how historians use a			
variety of sources to explore the past			
(e.g., artifacts, primary and secondary			
sources including narratives, technology,			
historical maps, visual/mathematical			
quantitative data, radiocarbon dating,			
DNA analysis).			
6/7–H1.2.2 Read and comprehend a			
historical passage to identify basic			
factual knowledge and the literal			
meaning by indicating who was			
involved, what happened, where it			
happened, what events led to the			
development, and what consequences or			
outcomes followed.			
6/7–H1.2.3 Identify the point of view			
(perspective of the author) and context			
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7–H1.2.4 Compare and evaluate competing historical perspectives about the past based on proof.		
7–H1.2.5 Describe how historians use methods of inquiry to identify cause effect relationships in history noting that many have multiple causes.		
6/7–H1.4.1 Describe and use cultural institutions to study an era and a region (political, economic, religion/ belief, science/technology, written language, education, family).		
6/7–H1.4.2 Describe and use themes of history to study patterns of change and continuity.		
6/7–H1.4.3 Use historical perspectives to analyze global issues faced by humans long ago and today.		
6–W1.1.2 Examine the lives of hunting and gathering people during the earliest eras of human society (tools and weapons, language, fire).		
7–W1.1.2 Explain what archaeologists have learned about Paleolithic and Neolithic patterns of living in Africa, Western Europe, and Asia.		

7 – W1.2.1 Explain the importance of the natural environment in the development of agricultural settlements	
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in different locations (e.g., available	
water for irrigation, adequate	
precipitation, and suitable growth	
season).	
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development of agricultural settlements	
in different locations (e.g., available	
water for irrigation, adequate	
precipitation, and suitable growing	
season).	
6–W1.2.3 Explain the impact of the	
Agricultural Revolution (stable food	
supply, surplus, population growth,	
trade, division of labor, development of	
settlements).	
6 - W2.1.1 Explain how the	
environment favored hunter gatherer,	
pastoral, and small scale agricultural	
ways of life in different parts of the	
Western Hemisphere.	
6–W2.1.2 Describe how the invention of	
agriculture led to the emergence of	
agrarian civilizations (seasonal harvests,	
specialized crops, cultivation, and	
development of villages and towns).	

6 – W2.1.3 Use multiple sources of			
evidence to describe how the culture of			
early peoples of North America reflected			
the geography and natural resources			
available (e.g., Inuit of the Arctic,			
Kwakiutl of the Northwest Coast;			
Anasazi and Apache of the Southwest).			
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6–W2.1.4 Use evidence to identify			
defining characteristics of early			
civilizations and early pastoral nomads			
(government, language, religion, social			
structure, technology, and division of			
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7–W1.1.1 Explain how and when human			
communities populated major regions of			
the Eastern Hemisphere (Africa,			
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suitable growth season).			
7–W1.2.2 Explain the impact of the			
Agricultural Revolution (stable food			
supply, surplus, population growth,			
trade, division of labor, development of			
settlements).			
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7–W1.2.3 Compare and contrast the		
environmental, economic, and social		
institutions of two early civilizations		
from different world regions (e.g.,		
Yangtse, Indus River Valley,		
Tigris/Euphrates, and Nile).		
7-W 2.1.1 Describe the importance of		
the development of human language,		
oral and written, and its relationship to		
the development of culture • verbal		
vocalizations • standardization of		
physical (rock, bird) and abstract (love,		
fear) words • pictographs to abstract		
writing (governmental administration,		
laws, codes, history and artistic		
expressions)		
7–W2.1.2 Use historical and modern		
maps and other sources to locate,		
describe, and analyze major river		
systems and discuss the ways these		
physical settings supported permanent		
settlements, and development of early		
civilizations (Tigris and Euphrates		
Rivers, Yangtze River, Nile River, Indus		
River).		
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6–W2.1.3 Use multiple sources of		
evidence to describe how the culture of		
early peoples of North America reflected		
the geography and natural resources		
available (e.g., Inuit of the Arctic,		
Kwakiutl of the Northwest Coast;		
Anasazi and Apache of the Southwest).		
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6–W2.1.4 Use evidence to identify defining characteristics of early civilizations and early pastoral nomads (government, language, religion, social structure, technology, and division of labor).		
7–W2.1.3 Examine early civilizations to describe their common features (ways of governing, stable food supply, economic and social structures, use of resources and technology, division of labor and forms of communication).		
7 – W2.1.4 Define the concept of cultural diffusion and how it resulted in the spread of ideas and technology from one region to another (e.g., plants, crops, plow, wheel, bronze metallurgy).		
6 – W3.1.1 Analyze the role of environment in the development of early empires, referencing both useful environmental features and those that presented obstacles.		
6 – W3.1.2 Explain the role of economics in shaping the development of early civilizations (trade routes and their significance – Inca Road, supply and demand for products).		

Course Title: Social Studies 7 Unit Title: The Rise of Classical Empires and ...(Era 3)

Length of Unit: 5 weeks

Grade Level: 7th grade

Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
 7 – W3.1.1 Describe the characteristics that classical civilizations share (institutions, cultural styles, systems of thought that influenced neighboring peoples and have endured for several centuries). 7 – W3.1.2 Using historic and modern maps, locate three major empires of this era, describe their geographic characteristics including physical features and climates, and propose a generalization about the relationship between geographic characteristics and the development of early empires. 7 – W3.1.3 Compare and contrast the defining characteristics of a city-state, civilization, and empire. 7 – W3.1.4 Assess the importance of Greek ideas about democracy and 	 Targets & "I can" Statements What factors lead to the development of empires, and how did government, technology, culture, and human interaction change in this age of empire? Why did some civilizations develop into large-scale empires while others did not? How and why did changes in social institutions change how people lived in large-scale empires? -How did empires change exchanges between peoples across large expanses of territory? -How did the emergence 	Key Vocabulary Bureaucracy Collective learning Cultural diffusion Democracy Empire/emperor Leadership Militarism Monarchy Non-examples Philosophy Power and authority Religious tolerance Republic Right to rule (divine right, inherited power) Rise and fall of empires Silk Roads Slavery Social hierarchy/class Social inequality Society Specialization of labor	Suggested Assessment	Possible ResourcesComputer with projectorPowerpointPoster paper and markersData projectorSticky notes
	5How did the emergence of world religions both influence and reflect the rise of empires?	5		

7 – W3.1.5 Describe major			
achievements from Indian, Chinese,			
Mediterranean, African, and Southwest			
and Central Asian civilizations in the			
areas of art, architecture and culture;			
science, technology and mathematics;			
political life and ideas; philosophy and			
ethical beliefs; and military strategy.			
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7 – W3.1.6 Use historic and modern			
maps to locate and describe trade			
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networks among empires in the classical			
era.			
7 - W3.1.8 Describe the role of state			
authority, military power, taxation			
systems, and institutions of coerced			
labor, including slavery, in building and			
maintaining empires (e.g., Han Empire,			
Mauryan Empire, Egypt, Greek			
city-states and the Roman Empire).			
7 – W3.1.9 Describe the significance of			
legal codes, belief systems, written			
languages and communications in the			
development of large regional empires.			
7 - W3.1.10 Create a time line that			
illustrates the rise and fall of classical			
empires during the classical period.			
empres during the classical period.			
7 – W3.2.1 Identify and describe the			
beliefs of the five major world religions.			
beners of the five major world religions.			
7 - W3.2.2 Locate the geographical			
center of major religions and map the			
spread through the 3rd century			
C.E./A.D.			

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7 – W3.2.3 Identify and describe the		
ways that religions unified people's		
perceptions of the world and contributed		
to cultural integration of large regions of		
Afro-Eurasia. (National Geography		
Standard 6, p. 73)		
7 - H1.1.1 Explain why and how		
historians use eras and periods as		
constructs to organize and explain		
human activities over time.		
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7 – H1.2.1 Explain how historians use a		
variety of sources to explore the past		
(e.g., artifacts, primary and secondary		
sources including narratives, technology,		
historical maps, visual/mathematical		
quantitative data, radiocarbon dating,		
DNA analysis).		
7 – H1.2.2 Read and comprehend a		
historical passage to identify basic		
factual knowledge and the literal		
meaning by indicating who was		
involved, what happened, where it		
happened, what events led to the		
development, and what consequences or		
outcomes followed. 7 – H1.2.3 Identify		
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7 – H1.2.4 Compare and evaluate		
competing historical perspectives about		
the past based on proof.		

7 – H1.2.6 Identify the role of the individual in history and the significance of one person's ideas.		
7 – H1.4.1 Describe and use cultural institutions to study an era and a region (political, economic, religion/ belief, science/technology, written language, education, family).		
7 – H1.4.2 Describe and use themes of history to study patterns of change and continuity.		
7 – H1.4.3 Use historical perspectives to analyze global issues faced by humans long ago and today.		
7 – G1.1.1 Explain and use a variety of maps, globes, and web based geography technology to study the world, including global, interregional, regional, and local scales.		
7 – G1.2.6 Apply the skills of geographic inquiry (asking geographic questions, acquiring geographic information, organizing geographic information, analyzing geographic information, and answering geographic questions) to analyze a problem or issue of importance to a region of the Eastern Hemisphere.		

7 - G1.3.1 Use the fundamental themes of geography (location, place, human environment interaction, movement, region) to describe regions or places on earth.		
7 – G1.3.3 Explain the different ways in which places are connected and how those connections demonstrate interdependence and accessibility.		
7 – G2.2.1 Describe the human characteristics of the region under study (including languages, religion, economic system, governmental system, cultural traditions).		
7 – G2.2.2 Explain that communities are affected positively or negatively by changes in technology (e.g., increased manufacturing resulting in rural to urban migration in China, increased farming of fish, hydroelectric power generation at Three Gorges, pollution resulting from increased manufacturing and automobiles).		
7 - G2.2.3 Analyze how culture and experience influence people's perception of places and regions (e.g., that beaches are places where tourists travel, cities have historic buildings, northern places are cold, equatorial places are very warm).		

7 – G4.1.1 Identify and explain examples of cultural diffusion within the Eastern Hemisphere (e.g., the spread of sports, music, architecture, television, Internet, Bantu languages in Africa, Islam in Western Europe).		
7 – G4.3.2 Describe patterns of settlement by using historical and modern maps (e.g., the location of the world's mega cities, other cities located near coasts and navigable rivers, regions under environmental stress such as the Sahel).		
7 – G4.4.1 Identify and explain factors that contribute to conflict and cooperation between and among cultural groups (e.g., natural resources, power, culture, wealth).		
7 – C1.1.1 Explain how the purposes served by government affect relationships between the individual, government, and society as a whole and the differences that occur in monarchies, theocracies, dictatorships, and representative governments.		
7 – C3.6.1 Define the characteristics of a nation-state (a specific territory, clearly defined boundaries, citizens, and jurisdiction over people who reside there, laws, and government) and how Eastern Hemisphere nations interact.		

7 – E3.1.2 Diagram or map the movement of a consumer product from where it is manufactured to where it is sold to demonstrate the flow of materials, labor, and capital (e.g., global supply chain for computers, athletic shoes, and clothing).			
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Course Title: Social Studies 7 Unit Title: Interactions, the Fall of Empires & Other Stories (1000 BCE-500 CE, Era 3) Length of Unit: 5 weeks

Grade Level: 7th grade

Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning Targets & "I can"	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
7 – W3.1.1 Describe the characteristics	Statements 1. How did the rise and fall	Causes and		Data projector
that classical civilizations share (institutions, cultural styles, systems of	of empires affect people and societies?	consequences		Computer
thought that influenced neighboring peoples and have endured for several	2. How did the interaction	City-state		Powerpoint
centuries).	between empires affect	Civil service		1
7 – W3.1.2 Using historic and modern	their growth and development?	Civilization		Chart paper
maps, locate three major empires of this era, describe their geographic	3. What were the most	Confuscianism		Markers
characteristics including physical	significant factors that			Highlighters
features and climates, and propose a generalization about the relationship	enabled empires to stay in power and why did	Cultural diffusion		
between geographic characteristics and the development of early empires.	these empires eventually fall?	Dynasty		
		Empire		
7– W3.1.3 Compare and contrast the defining characteristics of a city-state,	4. What other patterns of human societies and	Environmental		
civilization, and empire.	organization were in place during this era and	circumstances/geographi c luck		
7 – W3.1.5 Describe major achievements from Indian, Chinese,	why did they not become empires or parts of	Fall or decline of		
Mediterranean, African, and Southwest	empires?	empires		
and Central Asian civilizations in the areas of art, architecture and culture;		Golden Age		
science, technology and mathematics; political life and ideas; philosophy and ethical beliefs; and military strategy.		Historical significance		

7 – W3.1.6 Use historic and modern	Innovation	
maps to locate and describe trade		
networks among empires in the classical	Patriarchy	
era.	Social hierarchy/class	
7 - W3.1.7 Use a case study to describe	system	
how trade integrated cultures and	-	
influenced the economy within empires	Trade networks	
(e.g., Assyrian and Persian trade networks or networks of Egypt and	Turning point	
Nubia/Kush; or Phoenician and Greek	i unnig point	
networks).		
7 – W3.1.8 Describe the role of state authority, military power, taxation		
systems, and institutions of coerced		
labor, including slavery, in building and		
maintaining empires (e.g., Han Empire,		
Mauryan Empire, Egypt, Greek		
city-states and the Roman Empire).		
7 – W3.1.9 Describe the significance of		
legal codes, belief systems, written		
languages and communications in the		
development of large regional empires.		
7 - W3.1.10 Create a time line that		
illustrates the rise and fall of classical		
empires during the classical period.		
7 - W3.2.1 Identify and describe the		
beliefs of the five major world religions.		
7 – W3.2.2 Locate the geographical		
center of major religions and map the spread through the 3rd century		
C.E./A.D.		

7 – W3.2.3 Identify and describe the		
ways that religions unified people's		
perceptions of the world and contributed		
to cultural integration of large regions of		
Afro-Eurasia. (National Geography		
Standard 6, p. 73)		
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historians use eras and periods as constructs to organize and explain		
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variety of sources to explore the past		
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technology, historical maps,		
visual/mathematical quantitative data,		
radiocarbon dating, DNA analysis).		
7 - H1.2.2 Read and comprehend a		
historical passage to identify basic		
factual knowledge and the literal		
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maps, globes, and web based geography			
technology to study the world, including			
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7 – G1.2.1 Locate the major landforms,			
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7 - G1.2.3 Use observations from air			
photos, photographs (print and CD),			
films (VCR and DVD) as the basis for			
answering geographic questions about			
the human and physical characteristics			
of places and regions.			
7 - G1.2.6 Apply the skills of			
geographic inquiry (asking geographic			
questions, acquiring geographic			
information, organizing geographic			
information, analyzing geographic			
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questions) to analyze a problem or issue			
of importance to a region of the Eastern			
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7 - G1.3.1 Use the fundamental themes			
of geography (location, place, human			
environment interaction, movement,			
region) to describe regions or places on			
earth.			
7 - G1.3.2 Explain the locations and			
distributions of physical and human			
characteristics of Earth by using			
knowledge of spatial patterns.			
7-G1.3.3 Explain the different ways in			
which places are connected and how			
those connections demonstrate			
interdependence and accessibility.			
7 – G2.1.1 Describe the landform			
features and the climate of the region			
(within the Western or Eastern			
Hemispheres) under study.			

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7 – G2.2.2 Explain that communities are affected positively or negatively by changes in technology (e.g., increased manufacturing resulting in rural to urban migration in China, increased farming of fish, hydroelectric power generation at Three Gorges, pollution resulting from increased manufacturing and automobiles).		
7 – G3.2.2 Identify ecosystems of a continent and explain why some provide greater opportunities (fertile soil, precipitation) for humans to use than do other ecosystems and how that changes with technology (e.g., China's humid east and arid west and the effects of irrigation technology).		
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group and individual's ideas as voice			
and image messages on electronic			
networks such as the Internet).			
7 – G4.3.1 Identify places in the Eastern			
Hemisphere that have been modified to			
be suitable for settlement by describing			
the modifications that were necessary			
(e.g., Nile River irrigation, reclamation			
of land along the North Sea, planting			
trees in areas that have become			
desertified in Africa).			

Course Title: Social Studies 7

Length of Unit: 8 weeks

Unit Title: Patterns of Adaptation: Reorganizing and Restoring Order After the Fall of Empires: 500 CE-1000 CE

Grade Level: 7th grade

Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
	Targets & "I can" Statements			
7 - W3.1.1 Describe the characteristics	1. How did both geography	Adaptation		Computer
that classical civilizations share	and the history of past			
(institutions, cultural styles, systems of	societies contribute to the	Alliance		Powerpoint
thought that influenced neighboring	rise of new powers and			1
peoples and have endured for several	conflicts in this era?	Conflict		Highlighters
centuries).	connets in this etc.	connet		ingingitors
centuries).	2. How did the legacies of the	Cultural diffusion		Data projector
7 W2 1 2 Using historic and modern	-	Cultural ulliusion		Data projector
7 – W3.1.2 Using historic and modern	large empires like Rome			TA A A
maps, locate three major empires of this	and the Han Dynasty	Dynasty		Internet connection
era, describe their geographic	influence the subsequent			
characteristics including physical	societies in the areas they	Empire		
features and climates, and propose a	formally controlled?			
generalization about the relationship		Ethnocentrism		
between geographic characteristics and	3. How did both geography			
the development of early empires.	and the history of past	Expansion vs.		
	societies contribute to the	spread		
7 – W3.1.5 Describe major	rise of new powers in this	1		
achievements from Indian, Chinese,	era?	External pressures		
Mediterranean, African, and Southwest	oru.	External pressures		
and Central Asian civilizations in the	4. Why did new patterns of	Golden Age		
areas of art, architecture and culture;	conflict emerge in this time	Golden Age		
	period and how did they	Historiography		
science, technology and mathematics;		Historiography		
political life and ideas; philosophy and	shape societal interactions?	т. 1		
ethical beliefs; and military strategy.		Internal pressures		
7 – W3.1.6 Use historic and modern		Kinship		
maps to locate and describe trade				

networks among empires in the classical era.	Perspective/point of view
7 – W3.1.7 Use a case study to describe how trade integrated cultures and	Political-religious states
influenced the economy within empires (e.g., Assyrian and Persian trade networks or networks of Egypt and	Religious conflict
Nubia/Kush; or Phoenician and Greek networks).	Renaissance
7 – W3.1.8 Describe the role of state	Settlement
authority, military power, taxation	Sustainability
systems, and institutions of coerced labor, including slavery, in building and	Urbanization
maintaining empires (e.g., Han Empire, Mauryan Empire, Egypt, Greek city-states and the Roman Empire).	World zones
7 – W3.1.9 Describe the significance of legal codes, belief systems, written languages and communications in the development of large regional empires.	
7 – W3.2.1 Identify and describe the beliefs of the five major world religions.	
7 – W3.2.2 Locate the geographical center of major religions and map the spread through the 3rd century C.E./A.D.	
7 – W3.2.3 Identify and describe the ways that religions unified people's perceptions of the world and contributed to cultural integration of large regions of Afro-Eurasia. (National Geography Standard 6, p. 73)	

7 – H1.1.1 Explain why and how		
historians use eras and periods as		
constructs to organize and explain		
human activities over time.		
numan activities over time.		
7 – H1.1.2 Compare and contrast several		
different calendar systems used in the		
past and present and their cultural		
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significance (e.g., Sun Dial, Gregorian		
calendar – B.C./A.D.; contemporary		
secular – B.C.E./C.E.; Chinese, Hebrew,		
and Islamic/Hijri calendars).		
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7 - H1.2.1 Explain how historians use a		
variety of sources to explore the past		
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films (VCR and DVD) as the basis for			
answering geographic questions about			
the human and physical characteristics			
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of places and regions.			
7 - G1.2.4 Draw the general population			
distribution of the Eastern Hemisphere			
on a map, analyze the patterns, and			
propose two generalizations about the			
location and density of the population.			
7 - G1.2.6 Apply the skills of			
geographic inquiry (asking geographic			
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information, analyzing geographic			
information, and answering geographic			
questions) to analyze a problem or issue			
of importance to a region of the Eastern			
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examples of cultural diffusion within the		
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sports, music, architecture, television,		
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the modifications that were necessary			
(e.g., Nile River irrigation, reclamation			
of land along the North Sea, planting			
trees in areas that have become			
desertified in Africa).			
7 – G4.3.2 Describe patterns of			
settlement by using historical and			
modern maps (e.g., the location of the			
world's mega cities, other cities located			
near coasts and navigable rivers, regions			
under environmental stress such as the			
Sahel).			
7 - G4.4.1 Identify and explain factors			
that contribute to conflict and			
cooperation between and among cultural			
groups (e.g., natural resources, power,			
culture, wealth).			
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7 – G4.4.2 Describe examples of cooperation and conflict within the European Union (e.g., European Parliament, Euro as currency in some countries but not others, open migration within the European Union, free trade, and cultural impacts such as a multi-lingual population)		
7 – G5.1.1 Describe the environmental effects of human action on the atmosphere (air), biosphere (people, animals, and plants), lithosphere (soil), and hydrosphere (water) (e.g., desertification in the Sahel Region of North Africa, deforestation in the Congo Basin, air pollution in urban center, and chemical spills in European Rivers).		
7 – E2.3.1 Explain how national governments make decisions that impact both that country and other countries that use its resources (e.g., sanctions and tariffs enacted by a national government to prevent imports, most favored trade agreements, the impact China is having on the global economy and the U.S. economy in particular).		
7 – E3.1.1 Explain the importance of trade (imports and exports) on national economies in the Eastern Hemisphere (e.g., natural gas in North Africa, petroleum Africa, mineral resources in Asia).		

Course Title: Social studies 7

Unit Title: Converging Patterns (1000 CE-1450 CE) Era 4

Length of Unit: 4 weeks

Grade Level: 7th grade

Standards & Benchmarks	Essential Questions, Learning Targets & "I can" Statements	Key Vocabulary	Suggested Assessment	Possible Resources
7 – W2.1.3 Examine early civilizations	1. How did political,	Continuity and		Computer
to describe their common features (ways	economic, and cultural	change over time		
of governing, stable food supply, economic and social structures, use of	growth set the stage for globalization?	Corroboration		Power point
resources and technology, division of	giobalization?	Contobolation		Data projector
labor and forms of communication).	2. How and why did African	Crusade		2 www.projector
	and American empires			
7 - W2.1.4 Define the concept of	develop similarly too and	Cultural		
cultural diffusion and how it resulted in the spread of ideas and technology from	differently from the empires of Eurasia?	diffusion		
one region to another (e.g., plants, crops,	empires of Eurasia?	Evidence		
plow, wheel, bronze metallurgy).	3. How did large scale			
	movements of people,	Inferences		
7 - W3.1.1 Describe the characteristics	ideas, technologies, and			
that classical civilizations share (institutions, cultural styles, systems of	disease change the world on the eve of Modernity?	Mesoamerica		
thought that influenced neighboring	on the eve of Widdennity?	Movement		
peoples and have endured for several	4. Why is it helpful to explore			
centuries).	human history in terms of	Pandemic/plague		
7 W2 1 2 Using historia and modern	continuity and change over	Dolothaigus		
7 – W3.1.2 Using historic and modern maps, locate three major empires of this	time?	Polytheism		
era, describe their geographic		The Americas		
characteristics including physical				
features and climates, and propose a		Turning points		

generalization about the relationship between geographic characteristics and the development of early empires. 7 – W3.1.5 Describe major achievements from Indian, Chinese, Mediterranean, African, and Southwest and Central Asian civilizations in the areas of art, architecture and culture; science, technology and mathematics; political life and ideas; philosophy and	World religion	
ethical beliefs; and military strategy. 7 – W3.1.6 Use historic and modern maps to locate and describe trade networks among empires in the classical era.		
7 – W3.1.7 Use a case study to describe how trade integrated cultures and influenced the economy within empires (e.g., Assyrian and Persian trade networks or networks of Egypt and Nubia/Kush; or Phoenician and Greek networks).		
7 – W3.1.8 Describe the role of state authority, military power, taxation systems, and institutions of coerced labor, including slavery, in building and maintaining empires (e.g., Han Empire, Mauryan Empire, Egypt, Greek city-states and the Roman Empire).		
7 – W3.1.9 Describe the significance of legal codes, belief systems, written languages and communications in the development of large regional empires.		

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ways that religions unified people's perceptions of the world and contributed to cultural integration of large regions of Afro-Eurasia. (National Geography Standard 6, p. 73)		
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7 – G1.3.2 Explain the locations and distributions of physical and human characteristics of Earth by using		
knowledge of spatial patterns. 7 – G1.3.3 Explain the different ways in which places are connected and how		
those connections demonstrate interdependence and accessibility.		
7 – G2.2.1 Describe the human characteristics of the region under study (including languages, religion, economic system, governmental system, cultural traditions).		
7 – G2.2.2 Explain that communities are affected positively or negatively by changes in technology (e.g., increased manufacturing resulting in rural to urban migration in China, increased farming of fish, hydroelectric power generation at Three Gorges, pollution resulting from increased manufacturing and automobiles).		
7 – G2.2.3 Analyze how culture and experience influence people's perception of places and regions (e.g., that beaches are places where tourists travel, cities have historic buildings, northern places are cold, equatorial places are very warm).		
7 – G4.1.1 Identify and explain examples of cultural diffusion within the Eastern Hemisphere (e.g., the spread of sports, music, architecture, television,		

Internet, Bantu languages in Africa, Islam in Western Europe).		
7 – G4.3.2 Describe patterns of settlement by using historical and modern maps (e.g., the location of the world's mega cities, other cities located near coasts and navigable rivers, regions under environmental stress such as the Sahel).		
7 - G4.4.1 Identify and explain factors that contribute to conflict and cooperation between and among cultural groups (e.g., natural resources, power, culture, wealth).		