

## Grade Eight ~ Social Studies

### Examining Historical Worldviews

#### ***The Goal of Social Studies***

Responsible citizenship is the ultimate goal of Social Studies. Citizenship education is based upon an understanding of history in relation to current affairs, diversity between people and places, perspectives towards decision-making and economies, and connecting locally and globally. It is organized around knowledge and skill-building, however its primary focus is the development of student values and attitudes. This is necessary for lifelong learning.

#### ***Why do we study these following areas?***

This course will allow us to explore how intercultural contact between societies leads to significant change and alters each society's worldview.

#### ***General Outcome 8.1 ~ From Isolation to Adaptation: Japan***

You will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the ways in which beliefs, values and knowledge shape worldviews and contribute to a society's isolation or adaptation.

To appreciate how a society's worldview:

- is shaped by time and location
- influences its choice to be isolated
- affects how it governs and makes decisions
- shapes its citizens and the country's identity

#### ***General Outcome 8.2 ~ Origins of a Western Worldview: Renaissance Europe***

You will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how the exchange of ideas and knowledge helped shape the worldview of the western world.

To appreciate:

- how Renaissance Europe shaped the worldview of the western world
- differing beliefs, values and worldviews
- how beliefs and values are shaped by time, geographic location and society

#### ***General Outcome 8.3 ~ Worldviews in Conflict: The Spanish and the Aztecs***

You will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how intercultural contact impacts the worldviews of societies.

You will appreciate:

- how a society's worldview influences its choices, decisions and interactions with others
- how Aztec and Spanish identities and worldviews were impacted by contact with different cultures
- how rapid adaptations can radically change a society's beliefs, values and knowledge

### ***Resources Required***

Basic textbook requirement:

- Our Worldviews (available in Google Classroom)

### ***General Instructional Strategies***

This course will be completed independently. Each day that you have a scheduled class, work will be posted for you to complete. There may be videos to watch, readings to complete or assignments or projects to work on.

### ***Course Expectations***

Every student has the responsibility to

- Be a regular attendee - the school attendance policy will apply. Even though you are working independently you are required to check in mornings and afternoons for attendance.
- Work to your potential.
- Follow the school policies of academic honesty
- Complete all required assignments on time.
  - Make up the assignments when an excused absence occurs
  - Missed exams, essays or projects are subject to an NHI
- Have a great attitude!

***Your evaluation for Social Studies 8 will be:***

20% Assignments

25% Projects

5% Current event/political cartoon reports

40% Chapter/Unit Tests

10% Final Exam