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Social Studies Lesson Guide for grades K-8



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Save prep time with these ready-to-teach lessons, activities and videos specifically selected for your summer school classroom to boost learning in Social Studies. Lessons are designed to be delivered in a flexible format whether in-person, remote, or in-between. Use it as a daily guide or pick and choose by topic and grade to meet your students where they are.



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GRADES K-2 SS - WEEK / DAY

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Citizenship • Matching Pairs: Citizenship Picture Match: K • Time to Climb: Characteristics of Good Citizenship: K-2 • Marching Pairs: Citizenship: Definitions: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Helpers: K-1 • Draw It: Jobs in the Home & Community: K-2 • Drag & Drop: Jobs & Tools • Matching Pairs: Showing Good Citizenship: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why We Have Rules • Matching Pairs: Rules & Laws: Definitions: 1 • Matching Pairs: Rules & Laws: Pictures: 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Define United States Symbols: 1 • Matching Pairs: United States Symbols Definitions: 1 • Matching Pairs: United States Symbols Picture Match: 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: The US Flag: An American Symbol: K-2 • Matching Pairs: View United States Symbols: K • Time to Climb: Recognizing US Symbols: K-2 • Draw It: US Symbols: K-5
Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Is Voting? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Government Services: Definitions: 2 • Matching Pairs: Government Services: Pictures: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Public Services: Pictures: 2 • Matching Pairs: Public Services: Titles: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: United States Leaders: Definitions: 2 • Matching Pairs: United States Leaders: Pictures: 2 	
History	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Inhabitants of North America: 2 • Draw It: Native American Homes: K-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby Bridges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to Climb: Historical Figures: Part 1: K-2 • Time to Climb: Historical Figures: Part 2: K-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: George Washington Facts: K • Matching Pairs: George Washington Important Dates: K 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Cesar Chavez: Pictures & Definitions: 2 • Matching Pairs: Cesar Chavez: Sentences: 2
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landforms: K • Draw It: Using a Map: Mountains & Rivers: K-2 • Matching Pairs: Bodies of Water & Continents: 2 • Matching Pairs: Bodies of Water & Continents: Definitions: 2 • Time to Climb: Landforms & Bodies of Water: K-2 • Draw It: US Landmarks: K-5 • Time to Climb: US Landmarks & Monuments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps: K-2 • Map Skills • Draw It: Creating a Map: K-2 • Draw It: Global Map Skills: K-2 • Draw It: Using a Map: K-2 • Matching Pairs: Map Skills with Pictures: 1 • Matching Pairs: Map Skills: Directions with Pictures: 1 • Time to Climb: Map Skills: K-2 • Time to Climb: Maps of the United States: K-2 • Time to Climb: Maps vs. Globes: K-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardinal & Intermediate Directions • Draw It: Using a Compass Rose: K-2 • Matching Pairs: Cardinal Directions: K • Matching Pairs: Using Intermediate Directions: 2 • Time to Climb: Compass Rose: K-2 • Matching Pairs: Cardinal Directions: K 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continents • Draw It: Continents: K-2 • Time to Climb: Continents K-5 • Oceans • Draw It: Oceans: K-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Environment Definitions: 1 • Matching Pairs: Environment Picture Match: 1 • Matching Pairs: Match Map Terms: K • Matching Pairs: Natural Resources: 2 • Time to Climb: Earth's Resources: K-2 • Time to Climb: Environmental Modifications: K-2

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Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Match Past & Present Pictures: K 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Past and Present: Activities: 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: Life in the Past vs. Life Today: K-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: Timelines: K-2 	
Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goods and Services: K-2 • Draw It: Goods & Services: K-2 • Drag & Drop: Goods & Services • Time to Climb: Goods and Services: K-2 • Matching Pairs: Goods & Services with Definitions: 1 • Matching Pairs: Goods & Services with Pictures: 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wants and Needs: K-2 • Needs and Wants • Drag & Drop: Needs & Wants • Draw It: Wants & Needs: K-2 • Matching Pairs: Needs & Wants with Definitions: 1 • Matching Pairs: Needs & Wants with Pictures: 1 • Time to Climb: Identifying Wants and Needs: K-2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Producers and Consumers: 2 • Draw It: Producers & Consumers: 1-5 • Draw It: Roles of Producers & Consumers: 1-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Key Terms about Money: 2 • Matching Pairs: Supply and Demand: Cause & Effect: 2 • Matching Pairs: Supply and Demand: Pictures: 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Earning, Spending & Saving • Matching Pairs: Spending & Saving: K • Matching Pairs: Spending and Saving: 1 • Matching Pairs: Spending and Saving: 2

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Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maps • Drag & Drop: Interpreting Maps • Cardinal & Intermediate Directions • Latitude & Longitude: 3-4 • Time to Climb: Longitude and Latitude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Continents • Draw It: Identifying Continents & Oceans: 3-5 • Draw It: Continent Facts: 2-5 • Draw It: Continents: 2-5 • Time to Climb: Continents: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oceans • Drag & Drop: Oceans • Draw It: Oceans: 2-5 • Draw It: Labeling the Oceans: 2-5 • Time to Climb: Oceans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions of the US • Drag & Drop: US Regions: 3-5 • Draw It: U.S. Regions: 3-5 • Matching Pairs: Regions of North America: Maps: 3 • Matching Pairs: US Regions & States: 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Mapping the US: Part 1 • Drag & Drop: Mapping the US: Part 2 • Matching Pairs: Bordering the US: Descriptions: 3 • Matching Pairs: US and Surrounding Locations: 3
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US History: Colonial Period & American Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonial Life: 4 • Matching Pairs: List the Thirteen Colonies • Drag & Drop: US Colonies Map • Time to Climb: Colonial America • Time to Climb: Early US Colonies: 3-5 • Pocahontas • Matching Pairs: Native Americans: Homes: 3 • Time to Climb: Native Americans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of the American Revolution: 4-5 • Draw It: Causes of the American Revolutionary War: 3-5 • Draw It: Events Leading to the Revolutionary War: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loyalists vs. Patriots: 4- • Drag & Drop: Timeline: The American Revolution: 3-5 • Matching Pairs: American Revolution: Battles: 4 • Matching Pairs: American Revolution: Dates: 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women in the American Revolution: 4-5 • Drag & Drop: Patriot Heroes • Drag & Drop: The Founding Fathers: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Confederation • Early US Government • Matching Pairs: Early US Government: 4 • Draw It: Matching the Bill of Rights: 3-5
US History: 1800 - Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US Expands to the West • Draw It: The Louisiana Purchase: 3-5 • Drag & Drop: Westward Expansion • Draw It: Westward Expansion Timeline: 3-5 • Time to Climb: The Oregon Trail: 3-5 • Time to Climb: The Oregon Trail 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Industrial Revolution: Definitions: 4 • Matching Pairs: Industrial Revolution: Pictures: 4 • Draw It: The Transcontinental Railroad: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slavery in America • The Missouri Compromise • The Civil War • The Emancipation Proclamation • Women in the Civil War • Harriet Tubman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Immigration: 1880s–1920s • Draw It: Immigration & Tenement Housing: 3-5 • Drag & Drop: Timeline: The Great Depression & The New Deal: 3-5 • Drag & Drop: Timeline: WWI • Drag & Drop: Timeline: WWII 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: The Civil Rights Movement • Time to Climb: The Civil Rights Movement: 3-5
Civics and Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: US Government: Branches: 4 • Matching Pairs: US Government Organization: 3 • Drag & Drop: The Branches of Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Branch: 3-5 • The Judicial Branch: 3-5 • The Legislative Branch: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Local, State & National Government • Time to Climb: National & State Governments: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: US Leaders: Job Descriptions: 3 • Matching Pairs: US Leaders: Pictures: 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: US Government Responsibilities: 3 • Matching Pairs: Roles of Citizens: 4

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Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matching Pairs: Economics: Definitions: 3 • Matching Pairs: Economics: Pictures: 3 • Drag & Drop: Sectors of the US Economy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Choices: 3-5 • Matching Pairs: Goods & Services with Pictures: 3 • Matching Pairs: Goods: Cause and Effect: 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: Supply & Demand: 2-5 • Drag & Drop: Supply & Demand • Time to Climb: Supply & Demand 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: Producers & Consumers: 1-5 • Draw It: Roles of Producers & Consumers: 1-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Creating a Budget • Time to Climb: Budgeting • Time to Climb: Needs & Wants
Timelines, US Landmarks, and Historical Figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landmarks of the United States • Draw It: US Symbols: K-5 • Draw It: US Landmarks: K-5 • Time to Climb: US Landmarks & Monuments • Time to Climb: Statue of Liberty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timelines and Chronology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Historical Figures • Time to Climb: Historical Figures: Part 1: 3-5 • Time to Climb: Historical Figures: Part 2: 3-5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: George Washington's Life and Legacy: 3-5 • Time to Climb: George Washington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby Bridges • Time to Climb: Ruby Bridges & Good Citizenship: 3-5

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Primary & Secondary Sources, and Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary and Secondary Sources: 6-8 Primary vs. Secondary Sources Time to Climb: Primary & Secondary Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary and Secondary Sources: 6-8 Primary vs. Secondary Sources Time to Climb: Primary & Secondary Sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Map Skills: Advanced Latitude & Longitude Draw It: Longitude and Latitude: 6-8 Draw It: Finding the Longitude & Latitude: 6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drag & Drop: Mapping Africa Drag & Drop: Mapping Europe Drag & Drop: Mapping Latin America Drag & Drop: Mapping Southern & Eastern Asia Drag & Drop: Mapping Southwest Asia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regions of the US Drag & Drop: States & Capitals: Part 1 Drag & Drop: States & Capitals: Part 2 Drag & Drop: States & Capitals: Part 3 Drag & Drop: States & Capitals: Part 4 Drag & Drop: States & Capitals: Part 5
World History*	*Pre-History, Civilizations, Mesopotamia, Ancient India, Ancient Egypt, Classical and Post-Classical China				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matching Pairs: Hunter-Gatherer Societies: Definitions: 6 Matching Pairs: Hunter-Gatherer Societies: Sentences: 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics of Civilizations: 6-8 Seven Wonders of the Ancient World What Is Culture? Matching Pairs: Civilization: Definitions: 6 Matching Pairs: Civilization: Sentences: 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Mesopotamia: 6-9 Mesopotamia & the Fertile Crescent Early Empires of India: 6-12 The Caste System in India 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ancient Egypt Matching Pairs: Ancient Egypt: Definitions: 6 Matching Pairs: Ancient Egypt: Sentences: 6 Draw It: Contributions of Key Figures to Ancient Egypt: 5-8 Draw It: Key Figures of Ancient Egypt: 5-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classical China: Zhou, Qin & Han Dynasties Matching Pairs: The Great Wall of China: Definitions: 6 Matching Pairs: The Great Wall of China: Sentences: 6 The Three Pillars of Chinese Philosophy: Confucianism, Taoism & Buddhism Post-Classical China: Sui, Tang & Song Dynasties

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World History*	*Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, The Middle Ages				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancient Greece: Geography and Culture • Greek Mythology • Matching Pairs: Ancient Greece: Definitions: 6-8 • Matching Pairs: Ancient Greece: Sentences: 6-8 • Time to Climb: Ancient Greece 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athens, Sparta, and the Peloponnesian War: 6-12 • Matching Pairs: Athens: Complete the Sentence: 6 • Matching Pairs: Athens: Definitions: 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy in Ancient Greece • Draw It: Ancient Greek Democracy & U.S. Democracy: 6-8 • Time to Climb: Ancient Greece & Democracy: 6-8 • Draw It: Key Greek Figures: 6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Roman Republic & Empire: 6-8 • Draw It: Ancient Rome: 5-8 • Draw It: The Roman Colosseum: 5-8 • Time to Climb: Ancient Rome • Byzantium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Ages & Systems of Government • England and the Magna Carta • The Crusades & the Inquisition • Matching Pairs: Medieval Feudal System: 6 • Matching Pairs: Medieval Times: 6 • Time to Climb: Medieval Times
World History*	**The Silk Road, The Renaissance, Colonization & Imperialism, World Religions, and Intro to US History				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Silk Road and Marco Polo: 6-12 • The Silk Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Italian Renaissance • Matching Pairs: The Renaissance: Individual Contributions: 6 • Matching Pairs: The Renaissance: Key Terms: 6 • Drag & Drop: Renaissance Artists & Thinkers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Columbian Civilizations of South America: 6-12 • Spain Builds an Empire • Columbian Exchange • Colonization & Africa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islam: History, Beliefs, and Practices: 6-12 • World Religions: Christianity • World Religions: Judaism • Hinduism and Buddhism: 6-9 • Drag & Drop: Judaism, Christianity & Islam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to Climb: Major Eras in US History: 6-8 • Time to Climb: Significant Dates in US History: 6-8 • Time to Climb: Landmark Supreme Court Cases: 6-8 • US Presidents

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US History: Colonial America - Westward Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colonial America • Pocahontas • The Lost Colony of Roanoke • Time to Climb: Thirteen Colonies • Matching Pairs: Thirteen Colonies: Definitions: 7-8 • Matching Pairs: Thirteen Colonies: Sentences: 7-8 • Matching Pairs: Thirteen Colonies: Regions: 8 • Matching Pairs: French and Indian War: Descriptions: 8 • Matching Pairs: French and Indian War: Sentences: 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Causes of the American Revolution: 4-5 • Matching Pairs: American Revolution: The Causes • Matching Pairs: Thirteen Colonies: Revolutionary War: 8 • Drag & Drop: Timeline: The American Revolution • Loyalists vs. Patriots: 4-5 • Thomas Paine's Common Sense: 5-9 • Time to Climb: Federalists & Anti-Federalists: 6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Purpose of the Preamble: 4-7 • The Declaration of Independence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draw It: The Declaration of Independence: 6-8 • Matching Pairs: Thomas Jefferson: Definitions: 7 • Matching Pairs: Thomas Jefferson: Laws: 7 • Did the American Revolution Live Up to Its Ideals? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles of Confederation • Time to Climb: The Articles of Confederation • Time to Climb: Articles of Confederation: 6-8 • Matching Pairs: Articles of Confederation: Definitions: 7 • Matching Pairs: Articles of Confederation: Sentences: 7 • The War of 1812: 5-8 • Drag & Drop: The War of 1812: Causes & Effects • Drag & Drop: Timeline: War of 1812 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The US Expands to the West • The Oregon Trail • Tecumseh • Drag & Drop: Westward Expansion • Matching Pairs: Manifest Destiny: Definitions: 8 • Matching Pairs: Manifest Destiny: Sentences: 8 • Matching Pairs: Trail of Tears: Descriptions: 8 • Matching Pairs: Trail of Tears: Sentences: 8 • Matching Pairs: Treatment of Native Americans: 8
Civics, Government, and Economics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early US Government • The Bill of Rights • Amendments • Time to Climb: The Constitution • Matching Pairs: US Constitution: Definitions: 7 • Matching Pairs: US Constitution: Sentences: 7 • Draw It: The Constitution: 6-8 • Time to Climb: The Bill of Rights: 6-8 • Time to Climb: The Amendment Process: 6-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Branches of Government • Drag & Drop: Checks & Balances System • Drag & Drop: Separation of Powers • Draw It: Checks & Balances System: 6-8 • Draw It: Powers of the Three Branches of Government: 3-8 • Time to Climb: Three Branches of Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drag & Drop: Forms of Government • Time to Climb: Forms of Government: 6-8 • Matching Pairs: Historical Documents of Civil Liberties: 7 • Matching Pairs: Documents of Civil Liberties: Sentences: 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congressional Committees • Political Parties • The United Nations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supply, Demand & Price • Inflation • Minimum Wage • Drag & Drop: Types of Economies: 6-8 • Time to Climb: Economic Systems: 6-8