Geneva CUSD 304 Content-Area Curriculum Frameworks Grades 6-12 Social Studies

Mission Statement	It is our belief that Social Studies education is ultimately to prepare students to assume the responsibilities of active citizenship. From this belief stems the following guidelines for the Social Studies Department of Geneva High School. Social Studies education should: 1. both utilize and promote a global perspective 2. emphasize democratic values 3. allow students opportunities to interact 4. reflect a consciousness of current world events 5. promote interdisciplinary study 6. incorporate all of the social sciences, but be firmly rooted in history and geography 7. include knowledge and content, democratic ideals and civic values and skill development and social participation
Courses (Grades 9-12)	 Modern World History Modern World History Honors World Studies American Studies AP European History US History AP US History Sociology Contemporary Issues Economics Urban History Psychology I Psychology II US Government
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Course Framework

Course Title	Contemporary Issues
Grade Level	10, 11, 12
Semesters Semesters	1
Prerequisites	Sociology with a grade of C or better
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District-approved materials/resources	Various readings from Sociology reader.

Unit Frameworks Contemporary Issues

Unit of	I. Capitol Forum Choices Program
Study	➤ Nuclear Proliferation
is constant	> Terrorism
	➤ The Environment
	➤ Global Trade
	> Immigration
Illinois	➤ 3.B.4a: Produce a document that exhibit a range of writing techniques
Learning	appropriate to purpose and audience, with clarity of focus, logic of
Standards	organization, appropriate elaboration and support and overall coherence.
Standards	 ➤ 3.B.4b: Produce, edit, revise and format work for submission and/or
	publication (e.g., manuscript form, appropriate citation of sources) using
	contemporary technology.
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	designs may change with new information over time.
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	technological breakthroughs.
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	social forces affect United States political ideas and traditions (e.g., freedom,
	equality and justice, individual rights).
	➤ 16.C.4c (W): Describe the impact of key individuals/ideas from 1500-present,
	including Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes.
	➤ 16.C.5b (W): Describe how historical trends in population, urbanization,
	economic development and technological advancements have caused change
	in world economic systems.
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	highway Act/decline of inner cities, Vietnam War/anti-government activity).
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	and building cities.
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	affected human productivity, human comfort and the environment.
	> 17.A.4b: use maps and other geographic instruments and technologies to
	analyze spatial patterns and distributions on earth.
	➤ 18.A.4: analyze the influence of cultural factors including customs, traditions,
	language, media, art and architecture in developing pluralistic societies.
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- analyze data, make and support conclusions with evidence, report findings) to study the development and functions of social systems and report conclusions to a larger audience.
- ➤ 18.C.4b: Analyze major contemporary cultural exchanges as influenced by worldwide communications.
- ➤ 18.C.5: Analyze how social scientists' interpretations of societies, cultures and institutions change over time.

Objectives

- Understand the evolution of nuclear proliferation in the context of the Cold War
- ➤ Compare and contrast the nature of the Cold War's and today's issues regarding nuclear proliferation
- > Synthesize knowledge to construct a policy statement and an action plan to achieve a workable solution to the issue of nuclear proliferation
- ➤ Understand the origins and evolution of international terrorism
- > Evaluate the actions of the US in the Middle East since the end of WWII
- Evaluate and debate the balance between liberty and security, and how it reflects changing values in the US
- > Synthesize knowledge to construct a policy statement and an action plan to achieve a workable solution to the issue of fighting international terrorism
- ➤ Understand both the technical and political background of climate change, ozone depletion, water pollution, deforestation, and biodiversity
- ➤ Debate the role of the industrialized and non-industrialized nations of the world in international environmental agreements, with a focus on the role of the US
- > Synthesize knowledge to construct a policy statement and an action plan to achieve a workable solution to the issue of creating a sustainable and stable environment
- > Understand the evolution of free trade in a post Cold War world
- Trace the expansion of globalization and make projections of its future consequences
- > Debate the benefits and costs of free trade vs. fair trade
- > Synthesize knowledge to construct a policy statement and an action plan to achieve a workable trade policy for the US
- ➤ Compare and contrast the US immigration experience of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
- Analyze the impact of legal and illegal immigration on economical, political, and social concerns in the US
- > Synthesize knowledge to construct a policy statement and an action plan to achieve a workable immigration policy for the US
- Recognize relationships between history and current issues
- Analyze and evaluate multiple perspectives on an issue
- > Understand the internal logic of a viewpoint
- Identify and weigh the conflicting values represented by different points of view
- > Engage in informed discussion and deliberation
- > Develop and articulate original viewpoints on an issue
- > Use technology to conduct research
- > Communicate in written and oral presentations

	Collaborate with peers
	Explore the history and current status of various global issues
	Consider how an issue currently in the news fits into the larger context
	➤ Identify the values at play in an issue
	Analyze how values influence public policy decisions
Assessments	Completion of Reading and Study Guides
	Completion of worksheets that require an analysis of various types of graphs
	Create oral presentations that reflect expert knowledge gained through
	research
	Exhibit critical thinking in small group and whole class discussions that
	explore the role of values in public policy decisions
	Written and oral presentations that demonstrate an understanding of the issue
	and its historical context
	Participation in Socratic seminars and other types of class discussion
	Create visual representations of the key elements affecting an issue
	Completion of vocabulary and short answer tests
	Completion of reflection packet
	Final Exam

2. Crime and Punishment Unit of Study ➤ Death Penalty > DNA Database ➤ Gun Control > Insanity Defense ➤ Is the Justice System Racist Judicial Activism Juveniles Tried as Adults Racial Profiling > Rape Shield Laws ➤ Role of Prison School Security Illinois ➤ 3.B.4a: Produce a document that exhibit a range of writing techniques Learning appropriate to purpose and audience, with clarity of focus, logic of **Standards** organization, appropriate elaboration and support and overall coherence. ➤ 3.B.4b: Produce, edit, revise and format work for submission and/or publication (e.g., manuscript form, appropriate citation of sources) using contemporary technology. ➤ 13.A.4c: Describe how scientific knowledge, explanations and technological designs may change with new information over time. ➤ 13.B.5b: Analyze and describe the processes and effects of scientific and technological breakthroughs. ➤ 14.F.5: Interpret how changing geographical, economic, technological and social forces affect United States political ideas and traditions (e.g., freedom, equality and justice, individual rights). ➤ 16.C.4c (W): Describe the impact of key individuals/ideas from 1500-present, including Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes. ➤ 16.C.5b (W): Describe how historical trends in population, urbanization, economic development and technological advancements have caused change in world economic systems. ➤ 16.D.4b (US): Describe unintended social consequences of political event in United States history (e.g., Civil War/emancipation, National Defense highway Act/decline of inner cities, Vietnam War/anti-government activity). ➤ 16.E.4a (US): Describe the causes and effects of conservation and environmental movements in the United States, 1900-present. ➤ 16.E.4b: (US): Describe different and sometimes competing views, as substantiated by scientific fact, that people in North America have historically held towards the environment (e.g., private and public land ownership and use, resource use vs. preservation). ➤ 16.E.5a (US): analyze positive and negative aspects of human effects on the environment in the United States including damming rivers, fencing prairies and building cities. ➤ 16.E.5a (W): Analyze how technological and scientific developments have affected human productivity, human comfort and the environment. ➤ 17.A.4b: use maps and other geographic instruments and technologies to analyze spatial patterns and distributions on earth. 18.A.4: analyze the influence of cultural factors including customs, traditions,

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- > Final Exam

Unit of 4. Global Issues and Conflicts China's Changing Role Study Darfur – Genocide Geneva Conventions ➤ Isreal-Palestine > PATRIOT ACT > Terrorism and Authoritarian Regimes ➤ Third World Issues ➤ War in Iraq ➤ War on Drugs *** Student Generated Topics Illinois ➤ 3.B.4a: Produce a document that exhibit a range of writing techniques Learning appropriate to purpose and audience, with clarity of focus, logic of **Standards** organization, appropriate elaboration and support and overall coherence. 3.B.4b: Produce, edit, revise and format work for submission and/or publication (e.g., manuscript form, appropriate citation of sources) using contemporary technology. ➤ 13.A.4c: Describe how scientific knowledge, explanations and technological designs may change with new information over time. ➤ 13.B.5b: Analyze and describe the processes and effects of scientific and technological breakthroughs. ➤ 14.F.5: Interpret how changing geographical, economic, technological and social forces affect United States political ideas and traditions (e.g., freedom, equality and justice, individual rights). ➤ 16.C.4c (W): Describe the impact of key individuals/ideas from 1500-present, including Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes. ➤ 16.C.5b (W): Describe how historical trends in population, urbanization, economic development and technological advancements have caused change in world economic systems. ➤ 16.D.4b (US): Describe unintended social consequences of political event in United States history (e.g., Civil War/emancipation, National Defense highway Act/decline of inner cities, Vietnam War/anti-government activity). ➤ 16.E.4a (US): Describe the causes and effects of conservation and environmental movements in the United States, 1900-present. ➤ 16.E.4b: (US): Describe different and sometimes competing views, as substantiated by scientific fact, that people in North America have historically held towards the environment (e.g., private and public land ownership and use, resource use vs. preservation). > 16.E.5a (US): analyze positive and negative aspects of human effects on the environment in the United States including damming rivers, fencing prairies and building cities.

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- ➤ 18.C.4b: Analyze major contemporary cultural exchanges as influenced by worldwide communications.

Objectives

- ➤ Understand the causes and consequences of conflict
- Compare and contrast the elements of intra-national vs. international conflict
- Trace the history and trends of intra-national and international conflict
- > Evaluate and debate the role of the United Nations in today's world
- Evaluate and debate the balance between liberty and security, and how it reflects changing values in the US and the world at large
- Debate the ideology of pre-emptive war
- ➤ Debate the role of the Geneva Conventions in non traditional warfare
- Synthesize knowledge to construct a policy statement and an action plan to achieve a workable solution to the issue of intra-national and international conflict
- ➤ Recognize relationships between history and current issues
- Analyze and evaluate multiple perspectives on an issue
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Assessments

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- Participation in Socratic seminars and other types of class discussion
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Unit of 5. Social Inequality Study > Ageism Celebrity Status Disabilities **➤** Homelessness ➤ Homosexuality > Immigration > Sexism Working Poor > *** Student Generated Topics Illinois 3.B.4a: Produce a document that exhibit a range of writing techniques appropriate to purpose and audience, with clarity of focus, logic of Learning **Standards** organization, appropriate elaboration and support and overall coherence. ➤ 3.B.4b: Produce, edit, revise and format work for submission and/or publication (e.g., manuscript form, appropriate citation of sources) using contemporary technology. ➤ 13.A.4c: Describe how scientific knowledge, explanations and technological designs may change with new information over time. ➤ 13.B.5b: Analyze and describe the processes and effects of scientific and technological breakthroughs. ➤ 14.F.5: Interpret how changing geographical, economic, technological and social forces affect United States political ideas and traditions (e.g., freedom, equality and justice, individual rights). ➤ 16.C.4c (W): Describe the impact of key individuals/ideas from 1500-present, including Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes. ➤ 16.C.5b (W): Describe how historical trends in population, urbanization, economic development and technological advancements have caused change in world economic systems. ➤ 16.D.4b (US): Describe unintended social consequences of political event in United States history (e.g., Civil War/emancipation, National Defense highway Act/decline of inner cities, Vietnam War/anti-government activity). ➤ 16.E.4a (US): Describe the causes and effects of conservation and environmental movements in the United States, 1900-present. 16.E.4b: (US): Describe different and sometimes competing views, as substantiated by scientific fact, that people in North America have historically held towards the environment (e.g., private and public land ownership and use, resource use vs. preservation). ➤ 16.E.5a (US): analyze positive and negative aspects of human effects on the environment in the United States including damming rivers, fencing prairies and building cities. ➤ 16.E.5a (W): Analyze how technological and scientific developments have affected human productivity, human comfort and the environment. ➤ 17.A.4b: use maps and other geographic instruments and technologies to analyze spatial patterns and distributions on earth. ➤ 18.A.4: analyze the influence of cultural factors including customs, traditions, language, media, art and architecture in developing pluralistic societies.

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Unit of Study

6. Family and Education

- > Character Education
- Day Care
- Divorce
- Gay Adoption
- > Same Sex Marriage
- School Choice
- > Single Parenthood
- Trans-racial Adoption

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