Social Studies

Grade 3

ABSTRACT

Students in grade three expand the study of citizenship to include local, state, and federal laws, as well as the responsibilities of citizens in a diverse global environment. An evaluation of geography includes the expansion of map skills and the impact of natural resources on immigration and the major regions and landmarks of the United States. The role of New Jersey in the American Revolution is explored along with the accomplishments of important New Jerseyans. Students collaborate to investigate basic human rights and the contributions of defenders of human rights to the American way of life. Active citizenship goals include the discussion of bullying and harassment in addition to identification and proposed solutions to a current challenge faced by New Jerseyans. Benchmark assessments are employed to track individual student progress.

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**Essential Question:**
- How does the geography of New Jersey compare to that of other states?
- In what ways does the organization of the United States support the citizenry?
- How can a good citizen support a democratic government?
- What influences have impacted on the emerging American culture?
- How can human empathy and understanding be enhanced by the study of diverse cultures?

**Content:**
- **Maps**
  - recall basic information found on maps (e.g., directionality, landforms, natural resources)
  - compare and contrast New Jersey with geographically-representative states vis à vis basic map information
  - differentiate between the content of physical and political maps
  - discuss the uses of latitude and longitude
  - apply latitude and longitude to determine time zones, distances, and locations on maps

- **Government**
  - distinguish among local, state, and national rules and laws
  - identify authentic documents forming the basis of the United States government (e.g., The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Bill of Rights)
  - analyze the function of the three branches of government
  - determine how the “common good” affects federal laws (e.g., the Elementary and Secondary School Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Civil Rights Movement)

- **United States Citizenship**
  - identify the responsibilities of a citizen at the state and federal levels
  - explain how individual rights are dependent upon the exercise of citizens’ responsibilities
  - investigate ways in which a citizen contributes to change in government policy
  - collaborate to determine the need for change at the local level
  - outline a plan to affect the change needed at the local level

- **Development of American Culture**
  - define “culture” and “national identity”
  - create a timeline of events and people that contributed to the development of the American culture (e.g., Native Americans, voluntary and involuntary immigration, economic factors, conflict)
  - assess the role of the fictional and non-fictional heroes in the development of the American culture (e.g., Abraham Lincoln, Paul Revere, Superman)

- **Diversity**
  - define “multiculturalism”
  - investigate the impact of diverse cultural backgrounds, traditions, and influences among classmates
  - discuss the importance of the use of digital tools on the global culture (e.g., the Internet)
  - illustrate American monuments and landmarks using appropriate map skills (e.g., the Alamo, the Lincoln Memorial, Mount Rushmore, Niagara Falls, Yellowstone National Park)
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- What can be done to address challenges in human understanding?
- In what ways has immigration affected life in the United States?
- How do citizens contribute to the financial stability of the nation?
- In what ways have historical documents helped to mold the present government?
- What responsibilities accompany United States citizenship?

**Content:**
- Human Rights
  - discuss historical violations of human rights
  - investigate global organizations that promote human rights (e.g., the United Nations, Amnesty International, Anti-Defamation League)
  - analyze the contributions of champions of human rights (e.g., Mahatma Gandhi, Nelson Mandela, Eleanor Roosevelt)
  - collaborate to create a plan to address violations of human rights (e.g., bullying in the classroom)
- Immigration
  - differentiate between voluntary and involuntary immigration
  - determine reasons for present day immigration to the United States
  - investigate the historical challenges to immigrants arriving in the United States
  - determine the varied responses to present day immigrants
  - assess the impact of the post 9/11 era on immigration to the United States
- Economics
  - define basic economic terms (e.g., savings, debt, investment)
  - trace the role of savings and investment in the health of a nation’s economy
  - research the amount of the United States national debt
  - collaborate to create a small business, including a financial plan
- American Revolution
  - examine significant historical documents of the United States (e.g., the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, the Preamble to the United States Constitution)
  - compare and contrast the objectives of historical documents of the United States
  - brainstorm ways the Bill of Rights protects citizens of the United States
  - analyze how life in the United States would differ without the protection of the historical documents
  - create a student Bill of Rights
- People and Their Environment
  - analyze the responsibilities of a citizen of the United States to the environment
  - determine the natural resources found in diverse regions of the United States
  - map the natural resources of the United States
  - discuss the concept of regionalism and stereotypes among citizens of the United States
  - create a plan for the protection of natural resources of a United States region of choice
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