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TIME FRAME	FOCUS	CONTENT / SOURCE	ACTIVITIES & SKILLS	ASSESSMENTS	ELIGIBLE CONTENT/ STANDARDS
Year-long	 Historical Thinking Essential Questions: How do we think like a historian? How do we read like a historian? How do we write like a historian? 	New Visions (NV) Social Studies Lessons	Point of View Contextualizing Evaluating Sources Primary vs. Secondary Sources Annotating Reliable Sources Historical Thinking Disciplinary Literacy vs. Content Area Literacy Strategies and Skills	Vocabulary SQ Lessons	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I
1st Trimester	 Unit 1: Map Skills/Geography Essential Questions: How do we use maps to interpret information? How do different types of maps provide us with 	Classroom Atlas Kids Discover Blank World Maps Topographic/	Map Skills - Direction - Scale - Reading a map - Latitude & Longitude	Geography Pre-test Map Skills Test SQ Lessons	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.E CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.5.6-8.J CC.8.6.6-8.A

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different types of information? - How did the events of 9/11 impact the life of Americans? (9/11 Lesson)	Bathymetric Maps New Visions (NV) Social Studies Lessons (SQ Lessons) Nickelodeon - Nick News with Linda Ellerbee 9/11 Special	Identifying Continents & Oceans Using Physical, Political, and Thematic Maps Identifying Geographic Features		CC.8.6.6-8.1
Unit 2: Early Humans - Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras				
Essential Questions: How did the development of agriculture affect the lives of people in early civilizations and their environment? How did the domestication of animals affect the lives of people in early civilizations and their environment?	DK Find Out Website/Smithsonian Website NV Social Studies Lessons (SQ Lessons) Early Migration Maps Kids Discover	Identify different types of social scientists Compare/contrast early hominids Describe, compare/contrast Paleolithic life and Neolithic life	Vocabulary Assessment Early hominid chart (Using text to identify characteristics) Comparison and analysis of Paleolithic vs. Neolithic	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.C CC.8.5.6-8.D CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.B CC.8.6.6-8.I

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	Ancient Civilizations Textbook Alpha Iceman Murder Mystery: Otzi Movie	Determine the impact agriculture and the domestication of animals had on human civilizations Analyzing visual information	SQ Lessons	
 Unit 3: Early Civilizations; Mesopotamia Essential Questions: What is a civilization? What led to the establishment of civilizations? Where were early river valley civilizations located and how interconnected were they to other regions? How did inhabitants of Early River Valley Civilizations innovate to meet their needs? What does the Code of Hammurabi reveal about 	Newsela Articles Focus Summary WS NV Social Studies Lessons (SQ Lessons) Kids Discover River Valley Civilizations Maps <i>Ancient Civilizations</i> Textbook Domain Vocabulary	Reading and annotating Identifying main ideas and supporting details Creating topic sentences Writing summary paragraphs Writing prediction paragraphs	Focus Summary Assignment Vocabulary Assessment SQ Lessons	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I

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	society in Ancient Mesopotamia under the Babylonian empire?		Focus Summary WS START Topic Sentences		
2nd Trimester	 Unit 4: China Essential Questions: Where is China? How did geography affect the development of classical civilizations in China? Who was Emperor Shi Huangdi? Did Shi Huangdi improve China? What was the context for the founding of Daoism? What are the major beliefs and practices of Daoism? What was the context for the founding of Confucianism? What are the major beliefs and practices of Confucianism? 	Map of China Ancient Civilizations Textbook NV Social Studies Lessons Newsela Article - TerraCotta Soldiers Local news articles on TerraCotta vandalization at Franklin Institute Climbing Everest Kids Discover Emperor's Ghost Army	Using Map Skills to locate China Identifying geographic features that impact China (Himalayan Mts., Gobi Desert, etc.) Reading and annotating Identifying main ideas and supporting details Creating topic sentences Writing summary paragraphs Writing prediction paragraphs	Focus Summary Assignment Completion of SQ Lessons RAFT Writing Assignment	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I

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		Analysing visuals and primary sources Discuss transfer of ideas through trade (Silk Road) Compare and contrast information on Shi Huangdi - improve China vs. ruthless ruler		
Unit 5: Africa - Egypt				
Essential Questions:	Map Activity WS	Analyzing Maps	Focus Summary Assignment	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B
 Where is Egypt? How did geography affect the 	Newsela Article	Identifying geographic features that impact	Egypt WebQuest	CC.8.5.6-8.G
development of Egyptian civilization?	Internet resources (WebQuest)	Egypt (Nile River, Sahara Desert, etc.)		CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I
- How do archaeologists	Kids Discover	Reading and		

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use Egyptian artifacts to learn about the past? - What was the daily life of an Egyptian like?	Focus Summary	 annotating Identifying main ideas and supporting details Creating topic/conclusion sentences Writing summary paragraphs Providing supporting facts and details Writing prediction paragraphs Using internet resources to locate information (Egypt WebQuest) 		
Unit 6: Africa - Ghana, Mali, Songhai Essential Questions: - What were the Trans-Saharan trade routes? How might the	NV Social Studies Lessons Kids Discover <i>Colonization</i>	Africa Activity Atlas - Geography and Physical Features of Africa	SQ Lessons	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I

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3rd Trimester	Unit 7: Latin America Essential Question: - How do we know what we know about civilizations in the Americas pre-1600? What are the limitations of what we know?	NV Social Studies Lesson Kids Discover <i>Pre-Columbian</i>	Map Skills Compare and contrast of civilizations Identifying characteristics of civilizations	Maya, Inca, Aztec Assessment	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.E CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.5.6-8.J CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.A
	Мауа				
	 Essential Questions: What was the geographic and historical context for the rise of the Mayan Civilization? What led to the Maya Golden Age? What led to the decline of the Mayan Civilization? 	Maya Guided Reading WS Discover Kids Maya Magazine NV Social Studies Lessons	Close reading question and answer Identify Achievements and Innovations Maya Golden Age Chart	Maya Golden Age Chart	
	Aztec				
	Essential Questions: - Where was the Aztec Empire? What were the historical circumstances that led to the rise of the Aztec Empire? - How did the Aztecs	Aztec Daily Life Guided Reading WS Aztec Map WS Discover Kids Aztec	Close reading question and answer Map Skills - Identification	Aztec Contextualize/ Compare and Contrast/ Pros and Cons Documents	

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innovate to mee needs? - How did the Azte consolidate, and maintain power?	ecs gain, NV Social Studies Lessons	Read and annotate information Contextualizing evidence Identify advantages and disadvantages of location (Tenochtitlán). Compare present day Mexico City to Tenochtitlán.		
Inca Essential Questions: - Where was the Empire? What we historical circum that led to the ris Inca Empire? - How did the Inca innovate to meet needs? - How did the Inca consolidate, and maintain power empire?	vere the WS stances se of the Discover Kids Inca Magazine a t their Inca Empire Map a gain, NV Social Studies Lessons	Close reading question and answer Using Map Skills to answer questions Determine advantages and disadvantages of physical features (Andes Mountains) Contextualizing evidence Describe terrace	Inca Chart (characteristics that led to power consolidation) Inca Contextualize/ Compare and Contrast/ Pros and Cons Documents	

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		farming		
 Unit 8: Age of Exploration Essential Questions: What was the Age of Exploration? How did technological innovation impact the Age of Exploration? What impact did Christopher Columbus have on global history? How did the geographic and historical context of the Spanish, Aztecs, and Inca affect interactions between the American civilizations? What was the impact of the Columbian Exchange on the Old World and New World? 	NV Social Studies Lessons Kids Discover Maps of early exploration routes Maps of Columbian Exchange <i>Conquistadors</i> Primary Source - excerpt from Christopher Columbus's log entry NV Documents - visuals and primary/secondary sources Conquests of Hernan and Pizarro	Define the term <i>"Pre-Columbian"</i> Map Skills - Identify routes of early exploration Map Skills - Identify Columbian Exchange Routes Making predictions Using visuals (See, Think, Wonder) Using cause and effect (technology - caravel, compass, astrolabe, portolani, gunpowder, firearms). Cause and effect of Columbus Comparison of Hernan and Pizarro's conquests	Cause and Effect Chart Document Analysis SQ Assignments	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.5.6-8.J CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I

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		Summarizing information Reading and annotating Making predictions Document analysis (charts, graphs, multiple sources (primary & secondary) Providing text evidence		
Unit 9: Native Americans Essential Questions: - How do we know what we know about civilizations in the	Kids Discover Chapter: <i>North American Societies around 14</i> 92	Activity Atlas - North America Guided Reading WS Native American	Native American WebQuest Writing Prompts	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.5.6-8.J CC.8.6.6-8.A
 Americas pre-1600? What are the limitations of what we know? How did the geography of North America shape 	DK Find Out! Website North American Tribes - Map of Languages	WebQuest Reading and annotating		CC.8.6.6-8.I

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the lifestyles of Native American tribes?	Internet Resources - Who's Land Blank map of North America	Identifying main ideas and supporting details Creating topic/conclusion sentences Writing summary paragraphs Providing supporting facts and details Writing prediction paragraphs		
Unit 10: Colonization of the Americas Early Settlement Essential Questions: - How did the geography and climate of colonial regions affect early settlement? - What do maps made by early British explorers and settlers tell us about	Kids Discover The Lost Colony - Reading The Lost Colony - Croatoan sketch The Lost Colony - Primary Source - John White Journal Entry (1590)	KWL Colonies Making predictions Define - What is a colony? Analyzing visuals, primary, and secondary sources Comparing maps	Roanoke - The Lost Colony Activity Written Response: What made the economies of the northern, southern, and middle colonies different? Colonies Journal Entries (Guided	CC.8.5.6-8.A CC.8.5.6-8.B CC.8.5.6-8.G CC.8.5.6-8.J CC.8.6.6-8.A CC.8.6.6-8.I

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 early colonial settlements in America? How did Jamestown become the first successfully established English colony in North America? What incentives brought settlers to the New World? What made the economies of the northern, southern, and middle colonies different? How can we describe the experiences of slaves coming to the colonies? 	NV Social Studies Lessons Maps of colonies (primary, secondary) Unit Reading - Colonial Settlement Chapter 3: Colonial America Maps - Colonization around the world Newsela Biographies Slavery in the Colonies - NV Lessons	Using evidence from text, charts, and graphs to support analysis Compare and contrast economic climate, physical features, and economic activity Mayflower Journal Entry New England Colonies Journal Entry Middle Colonies Journal Entry Southern Colonies Journal Entry Persuasive Writing - Move to the colonies Slavery in the Colonies	reading, persuasive, biography) Slavery in the Colonies Assignments (NV Lessons on Google Classroom) Final Exam	
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