

AISB Social Studies – Vertical Subject Overview

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Grade	Course	Area Themes and Units	
		Semester 1	Semester 2
11-12	Global Issues (1 semester)	NOT OFFERED AT THIS TIME	
	US History (1 semester)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Colonial Beginnings 2. Expansion – International/Domestic 3. Immigration 	
	Macro Economics (1 semester)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Economics 2. Measurements of Economic Performance 3. Macroeconomic Theory and Policy 4. Money 5. The International Economy 	
	African Studies (1 semester)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical and Political Puzzle 2. Colonialism, Neocolonialism and/or Imperialism 3. Current Initiatives – Africa Today 	
	Psychology (1 semester)		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why study psychology? 2. Correlation vs. Cause and Effect
	AP World History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Foundations (8000 B.C.E. – 6000 C.E.) 2. Pre-Modern World (6000 B.C.E – 1450 C.E.) 3. The Early Modern World (1450 C.E. – 1750 C.E.) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Modern World (1750 C.E. – 1914 C.E.) 5. Present & the Global World (1914 C.E. – present)
10	AP Human Geography / Human Geography	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geography: Its Nature and Perspectives 2. Population 3. Cultural Patterns and Processes 4. Political Organization of Space 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Agriculture & Rural Land Use 6. Industrialization & Economic Development 7. Cities and Urban Land Use
9	World History	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early Civilizations 2. Empires of the Ancient World 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Regional Civilizations 4. Early Modern Times 5. Enlightenment and Revolution 6. Industrialism and a New Global Age 7. World Wars and Revolutions
8	Regional Studies: United States and the Americas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geographical introduction of the USA 2. The 13 Colonies 3. American Independence 4. American Expansion 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Immigration 6. US Conflicts 7. American Society-the last 100 years.
7	Regional Studies: Europe, Russia, Pacific	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Geographers Tools 2. Russia and Eastern Europe 3. SE Asia and Oceania 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. S/SW Asia and Middle East 5. Sothern Africa Today 6. Development: Gaps Between the Rich and Poor
6	Regional Studies: Africa, Middle East, Asia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction to Geography and Culture 2. Africa/Water 3. Middle East/Energy and Resources 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. South Asia/Population 5. East Asia/Environmental Degradation

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5	Colonization & Movement of people and ideas Memorable efforts by Greeks, Phoenicians, Romans, Europeans, the changing map of the world, Why colonize? The migration of people and ideas	River Civilizations Rivers and: agriculture, trade, cities, migration	Law and Order Government - Legal Systems and Laws History of legal systems (Roman, Hebrew, English, Court of the Kings, American system, civil liberties, social responsibility, trials	Charting & mapping Global Resources, climate, population, productivity, et cetera Global Issues (Connected UN Day or Earth Day) Cause and effect: humans and the environment, limiting factors, carrying capacity, the future	Christianity	Egypt Brazil USA	Rivers Ecology	
4	Africa Geography of Africa, African Cultures, What has shaped the development of Africa, Colonial connections	Age of Exploration Reasons for exploration, Geography concepts regarding exploration, How demographics are influenced by history, Changing image of the world after exploration	Governments (Focus: Mali & US) Purpose of government, Compare and contrast US and Malian government, How can citizens impact the government, Difference between the rights and the responsibilities of citizens	Mapping our continents Identify the continents, Create map of the world, How to use an atlas, Identify characteristics of various continents, General map skills: locating specific places, using a legend, latitude/longitude	Islam	Africa USA	Oceans	
3	Mali: Cultures and Peoples Ancient history of Mali, its people and culture, compare Mali today to ancient Mali	Heroes of Today and Yesterday What makes a hero, biographies, timelines and history	Market place & Economic Systems Human, natural and capital resources, scarcity, opportunity costs, profit/loss, and taxes.	Landforms Mapping land and water, Identifying landforms and bodies of water	Mali culture Economics	Mali	Mountains Savannah	

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2	Communities Working Together Basic needs; producers; consumers; goods; services; interdependence; resources and climate effects with goods and communities	Personal and Family History History – personal and family; relatives; family tree; timeline; past, present and future; appreciation of traditions; cultures and family structures	Working together: Rules & Respect Rules – home, school and other; Need for rules and laws; Manners; Laws in Community; Respect & Cooperation in school community; Conflict Resolution	Places in our community Mapping skills- bird’s eye view, map key, symbols, direction words, NSE and W; Types of communities – rural, urban, suburban; Places in communities and why they are there	Families Economics			
1	In My World Rules in home and school; Respect in home and school; Characteristics of self (likes, dislikes, looks, size...); Compare and contrast self to classmates; School workers	How things change over time Inventors; Changes in the world; Changes in their self; Compare and contrast student life to grandparent life	Celebrations around the world Mapping different countries; Characteristics of different celebrations; Compare and contrast different celebrations; Why celebrations are important to different cultures and customs	Houses & Habitats Directional words; Types of homes around the world; Mapping bedroom and classroom				Homes
K	All about Me and My World	Community	Community Holidays Round the World	My World Maps	Christianity	Egypt Brazil USA	Rivers Ecology	
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