



Content Area: Social Studies

Grade Level: Third

Course Name:

Course Description:

In “Communities around the World,” students learn about communities around the globe and about global citizenship. Students bring with them knowledge about their communities. In this course, students make comparisons across time and space, examining different communities and their cultures. Culture includes social organization, customs and traditions, language, arts and literature, religion, forms of government, and economic systems. Students are introduced to the concepts of prejudice, discrimination and human rights, as well as to social action.

Units	Length of Time	Description
3.1		Geographic regions have unifying characteristics and can be studied using a variety of tools.
3.2		The location of world communities can be described using geographic tools and vocabulary.

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3.3		Geographic factors often influence where people settle and form communities. People adapt to and modify their environment in different ways to meet their needs.
3.4		Each community or culture has a unique history, including heroic figures, traditions, and holidays.
3.5		Communities share cultural similarities and differences across the world.
3.6		Communities from around the world interact with other people and communities and exchange cultural ideas and practices.
3.7		Governments in communities and countries around the world have the authority to make and the power to enforce laws. The role of the citizen within these communities or countries varies across different types of governments.
3.8		The concept of universal human rights suggests that all people should be treated fairly and should have the opportunity to meet their basic needs.
3.9		Communities meet their needs and wants in a variety of ways, forming the basis for their economy.
3.10		Each community develops an economic system that addresses three questions: what will be produced, how will it be produced, and who will get what is produced?

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