



Hempstead School District

Social Studies Curriculum Overview

Grade 5 – Putnam Boces SS/ELA

The Western Hemisphere

A New World Rising

- Migration and Settlement in the Americas
- Characteristics of a Civilization
- Maya, Inca, and Aztec Civilizations
- Civilizations Meet Environmental Challenges
- Literature of the Aztecs, Mayans, and Inca

European Exploration and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

- European Exploration
- Europeans Encounter Native Americans
- The Columbian (Great) Exchange
- Sugar and the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

Geography in the Western Hemisphere

- Review of Physical Geography
- Regions of the Western Hemisphere
- Climate, Vegetation, and Population Density
- Climate and Vegetation Determines Housing
- Political Maps of the Western Hemisphere
- We're Moving, Where...?

Government in the Western Hemisphere

- Governments Need Rules
- Documents of a Constitutional Democracy
- Government in the Western Hemisphere Today
- You Be the Investigator
- "Victory Is Your Duty"
- Gaining Sovereignty: The Inuit
- Multinational Organizations

Economics in the Western Hemisphere

- Wants and Needs in the Western Hemisphere
- Introduction to Economic Systems
- The Three Basic Economic Questions
- Look...You're Wearing and Eating Geography!
- Natural Resources and Industry
- To Trade or Not to Trade...That is the Question!
- NAFTA or Not?

Cultural Diversity

- Who's Who? Cultural Diversity
- Introduction to the Cultural Garden
- Interdisciplinary Lesson on Diego Rivera
- An Aspect of Culture in Four Countries
- Immigration in the Western Hemisphere