

SOCIAL STUDIES**7TH GRADE****SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

Standard(s)	Unit/Topic	Essential Skills: What do students absolutely need for the next level?	Resources Used	Assessment
<p>The physical environment and natural resources of North America influenced the development of the first human settlements and the culture of Native Americans. Native American societies varied across North America.</p> <p>Geography and climate influenced the migration and cultural development of Native Americans. Native Americans in North America settled into different regions and developed distinct cultures.</p>	NATIVE AMERICANS	<p>Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. examine theories of human settlement of the Americas.2. compare and contrast different Native American culture groups of North America, with a focus on the influence geographic factors had on their development.3. examine various groups of Native Americans located within what became New York State and the influence geographic factors had on their development.	Classroom notes and discussion, illustrations, video (including the 1922 documentary video <i>Nanook of the North</i>), maps, online articles, Venn diagram, Google Docs slides, etc.	Daily task assignments, quizzes, unit test.
European exploration of the New World resulted in various interactions with Native Americans and in colonization.	AGE OF EXPLORATION	<p>Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. examine the voyage of Columbus, leading to the Columbian Exchange and the voyages of other explorers such as Champlain, Hudson, and Verrazano.	Classroom notes and discussion, illustrations, video (including biographical videos on Columbus and Hudson), maps, online articles, Google Docs slides, etc.	Daily task assignments, quizzes, unit test.

		2. compare and contrast British interactions with southern New England Algonquians, Dutch and French interactions with the Algonquians and Iroquoians, and Spanish interactions with Muscogee.		
The American colonies were established for a variety of reasons and developed differently based on economic, social, and geographic factors. Colonial America had a variety of social structures under which not all people were treated equally.	COLONIAL DEVELOPMENTS	Students will: 1. investigate the reasons for colonization and the role of geography in the development of each colonial region. 2. examine the economic, social, and political characteristics of each colonial region. 3. explain why and where slavery grew over time in the United States. 4. examine the living conditions of slaves, including those in New York State.	Classroom notes and discussion, illustrations, video (including videos from the History Channel series <i>America: The Story of Us</i>), maps, online articles, Venn diagram, Google Docs slides, etc.	Daily task assignments, quizzes, unit test.