

Main Criteria: Kansas Academic Standards
Secondary Criteria: Social Studies Online
Subjects: Science, Social Studies
Grade: 8
Correlation Options: Show Correlated

Kansas Academic Standards
Science
Grade: 8 - Adopted: 2013

STANDARD	KS.MS-PS.	PHYSICAL SCIENCE
BENCHMARK	MS-PS1.	Matter and Its Interactions
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Students who demonstrate understanding can:

INDICATOR MS-PS1-3. Gather and make sense of information to describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.

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STANDARD	KS.MS-LS.	LIFE SCIENCE
BENCHMARK	MS-LS1.	From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Students who demonstrate understanding can:

INDICATOR MS-LS1-5. Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how environmental and genetic factors influence the growth of organisms.

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STANDARD	KS.MS-LS.	LIFE SCIENCE
BENCHMARK	MS-LS2.	Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Students who demonstrate understanding can:

INDICATOR MS-LS2-2. Construct an explanation that predicts patterns of interactions among organisms across multiple ecosystems.

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National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii

INDICATOR MS-LS2-3. Develop a model to describe the cycling of matter and flow of energy among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem.

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INDICATOR	MS-LS2-4.	Construct an argument supported by empirical evidence that changes to physical or biological components of an ecosystem affect populations. <u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8 Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8 Canada: Coast to Coast Galapagos Islands National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado
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INDICATOR	MS-LS2-5.	Evaluate competing design solutions for maintaining biodiversity and ecosystem services. <u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8 Canada: Coast to Coast Galapagos Islands National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii National Parks - Nevada, California National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado National Parks - Wyoming, Utah
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STANDARD	KS.MS-ESS.	EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE
BENCHMARK	MS-ESS2.	Earth's Systems
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Students who demonstrate understanding can:

INDICATOR	MS-ESS2-1.	Develop a model to describe the cycling of Earth's materials and the flow of energy that drives this process. <u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8 Galapagos Islands
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS2-2.	Construct an explanation based on evidence for how geoscience processes have changed Earth's surface at varying time and spatial scales. <u>Social Studies Online</u> National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii National Parks - Nevada, California National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado National Parks - Wyoming, Utah
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS2-3.	Analyze and interpret data on the distribution of fossils and rocks, continental shapes, and seafloor structures to provide evidence of the past plate motions. <u>Social Studies Online</u> National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii National Parks - Wyoming, Utah
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS2-5.	Collect data to provide evidence for how the motions and complex interactions of air masses results in changes in weather conditions. <u>Social Studies Online</u> Canada: Coast to Coast
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS2-6.	Develop and use a model to describe how unequal heating and rotation of the Earth cause patterns of atmospheric and oceanic circulation that determine regional climates.
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STANDARD	KS.MS-ESS.	EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE
BENCHMARK	MS-ESS3.	Earth and Human Activity
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Students who demonstrate understanding can:

INDICATOR	MS-ESS3-1.	Construct a scientific explanation based on evidence for how the uneven distributions of Earth's mineral, energy, and groundwater resources are the result of past and current geoscience processes.
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS3-3.	Apply scientific principles to design a method for monitoring and minimizing a human impact on the environment.
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS3-4.	Construct an argument supported by evidence for how increases in human population and per-capita consumption of natural resources impact Earth's systems.
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INDICATOR	MS-ESS3-5.	Ask questions to clarify evidence of the factors that have caused the rise in global temperatures over the past century.
		Social Studies Online Canada: Coast to Coast National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado

Kansas Academic Standards
Social Studies
Grade: 8 - Adopted: 2020

STANDARD		Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards
BENCHMARK	1	Choices have consequences.
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		History, government, economics, and geography are affected by human choice. Choices made by individuals and groups have consequences, and the desirability of the choices are dependent on the perceived positive and negative consequences. Often choices are built and dependent upon earlier choices and consequences. The following are aspects of choices and consequences:

INDICATOR	Human choices cause change dependent upon conditions which the decision maker may not be able to control or anticipate.
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INDICATOR	Every choice comes with a cost.
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INDICATOR	Human choice is affected by culture, geography, politics, economics, social emotional attachments, and other factors including other people.
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STANDARD		Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards
BENCHMARK	1	Choices have consequences.
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Benchmark:

INDICATOR	1.2.	The student will analyze the context and draw conclusions about choices and consequences. Social Studies Online Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome Canada: Coast to Coast Canada: Our Northern Neighbor Rome - The Eternal City
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STANDARD		Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards
BENCHMARK	3	Societies are shaped by the identities, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups.

INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		People live in communities comprised and shaped by various identities, beliefs, and practices of both individuals and groups. Within communities these differing identities, beliefs, and practices require change. The diversity of a community is not always represented/reflected by the majority. The following are aspects of identities, beliefs, and practices:
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INDICATOR Beliefs are considered or accepted by individuals as true, and impact behaviors and reactions.

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INDICATOR Practices are the actual application of identities, beliefs, and ideas on real-world issues.

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STANDARD		Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards
BENCHMARK	3	Societies are shaped by the identities, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups.
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Benchmark:

INDICATOR 3.1. The student will recognize and evaluate how societies are shaped by the identities, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups.

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INDICATOR 3.2. The student will analyze context and draw conclusions of how societies are shaped by the identities, beliefs, and practices of individuals and groups.

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STANDARD		Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards
BENCHMARK	4	Societies experience continuity and change over time.
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		People and communities have aspects of continuity but experience some degree of change over time. Continuity refers to a society's ability to hold on to what is important, to remain stable, anchored. Change refers to a society's ability to adapt and make the adjustments necessary to protect and advance the society. The following are aspects of continuity and change:

INDICATOR Change is generally continuous, not simply discrete events happening at their own pace, and are often determined by "turning or tipping" points.

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Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs

Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids

Ancient Greece

Ancient Mayan Civilization

Ancient Rome

Canada: Coast to Coast

Canada: Our Northern Neighbor

Rome - The Eternal City

INDICATOR	Progress and regression are one of several ways of determining change.
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INDICATOR	Continuity is the connection between events, ideas or beliefs over time.
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STANDARD		Kansas History, Government, and Social Studies Standards
BENCHMARK	4	Societies experience continuity and change over time.
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Benchmark:

INDICATOR	4.1.	The student will recognize and evaluate continuity and change over time.
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INDICATOR	4.2.	The student will analyze the context and draw conclusions about continuity and change.
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INDICATOR	4.3.	The student will investigate and connect continuity and change to a contemporary issue.
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INDICATOR	4.4.	<p>The student will use their understanding of continuity and change to make a claim or advance a thesis using evidence and argument.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome Canada: Coast to Coast Canada: Our Northern Neighbor Rome - The Eternal City</p>
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STANDARD		Middle-Level Ancient World History: (Beginnings to 1300 CE)
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		History

INDICATOR		<p>demonstrates historical knowledge about a time period or era by demonstrating significance and/or recounting an appropriate narrative.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome</p>
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INDICATOR		<p>discusses specific instances of continuity and change over time.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome</p>
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INDICATOR		<p>demonstrates their understanding of history by categorizing the causes and impact of significant events.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome</p>
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STANDARD		Middle-Level Ancient World History: (Beginnings to 1300 CE)
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Civics/Government

INDICATOR		<p>demonstrates the connection to personal interest, civic virtue, and democratic principles in their own life.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Greece</p>
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INDICATOR	explains the origins and structures defined by the United States Constitution and compares those structures to those of other political systems.
	Social Studies Online Ancient Greece

STANDARD	Middle-Level Ancient World History: (Beginnings to 1300 CE)
BENCHMARK	Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	Cultural

INDICATOR	<p>investigates other people's histories and lived experiences, respectfully asks questions, and listens nonjudgmentally.</p> <p> Social Studies Online Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome </p>
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STANDARD	Middle-Level Ancient World History: (Beginnings to 1300 CE)
BENCHMARK	Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	Economic

INDICATOR	<p>gathers and organizes economic information from a variety of sources.</p> <p> Social Studies Online Ancient Greece </p>
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INDICATOR	<p>analyzes and interprets economic information.</p> <p> Social Studies Online Ancient Greece </p>
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INDICATOR	<p>draws conclusions and answers economic questions.</p> <p> Social Studies Online Ancient Greece </p>
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STANDARD	Middle-Level Ancient World History: (Beginnings to 1300 CE)
BENCHMARK	Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL	Geography

INDICATOR	<p>asks geographic questions about spatial distributions, place, location scale and perspective, patterns and other geographic concepts.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome</p>
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INDICATOR	<p>analyzes and interprets geographic information.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome</p>
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INDICATOR	<p>draws conclusions and answers geographic questions.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids Ancient Greece Ancient Mayan Civilization Ancient Rome</p>
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STANDARD		Middle-Level Geography
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Geography

INDICATOR	<p>asks geographic questions about spatial distributions, place, location scale and perspective, patterns and other geographic concepts.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Canada: Coast to Coast Canada: Our Northern Neighbor Exploring Cuba London - City of Pomp & Majesty National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii National Parks - Nevada, California National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado National Parks - Wyoming, Utah Paris - City of Light - Grades 6 - 12 Tokyo - City of Contrasts</p>
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INDICATOR	<p>uses technology and other representations to explain relationships between geographic and/or political areas.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Canada: Coast to Coast Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p>
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INDICATOR	<p>discusses possible reasons for differences between areas with similar environments yet distinctly different cultures.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8 Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8 Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p>
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STANDARD		Middle-Level Geography
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Cultural

INDICATOR	<p>investigates other people's histories and lived experiences, respectfully asks questions, and listens nonjudgmentally.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8 Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p>
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STANDARD		Middle-Level Geography
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Economic

INDICATOR	<p>analyzes and interprets economic information.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p>
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INDICATOR	<p>draws conclusions and answers economic questions.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p>
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STANDARD		Middle-Level Geography
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		History

INDICATOR analyzes and interprets a variety of texts and media.

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Canada: Coast to Coast

Canada: Our Northern Neighbor

INDICATOR describes and communicates what context is and its importance in understanding history.

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Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8

Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8

STANDARD		Middle-Level US History: (Constitution through International Expansion)
BENCHMARK		Middle-Level Competencies
INDICATOR / PROFICIENCY LEVEL		Civics/Government

INDICATOR examines the powers and limits of the three branches of government at federal, state, and local levels.

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Washington, DC - Grades 6 - 12

INDICATOR explains the origins and structures defined by the United States Constitution and compare those structures to those of other political systems.

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Washington, DC - Grades 6 - 12