

Main Criteria: Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Secondary Criteria: Social Studies Online

Subjects: Science, Social Studies

Grade: 7

Correlation Options: Show Correlated

Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks

Science

Grade: 7 - Adopted: 2016

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.7-ESS.	Grade 7: Earth and Space Sciences
STRAND	ESS2.	Earth's Systems

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL 7.MS-ESS2-2. Construct an explanation based on evidence for how Earth's surface has changed over scales that range from local to global in size.

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National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii

National Parks - Nevada, California

National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado

National Parks - Wyoming, Utah

FOCUS / COURSE	MA.7-ESS.	Grade 7: Earth and Space Sciences
STRAND	ESS3.	Earth and Human Activity

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL 7.MS-ESS3-4. Construct an argument supported by evidence that human activities and technologies can mitigate the impact of increases in human population and per capita consumption of natural resources on the environment.

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Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8

Galapagos Islands

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FOCUS / COURSE	MA.7-LS.	Grade 7: Life Science
STRAND	LS2.	Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL 7.MS-LS2-1. Analyze and interpret data to provide evidence for the effects of periods of abundant and scarce resources on the growth of organisms and the size of populations in an ecosystem.

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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL 7.MS-LS2-2. Describe how relationships among and between organisms in an ecosystem can be competitive, predatory, parasitic, and mutually beneficial and that these interactions are found across multiple ecosystems.

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African Safari

Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8

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STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	7.MS- LS2-3.	<p>Develop a model to describe that matter and energy are transferred among living and nonliving parts of an ecosystem and that both matter and energy are conserved through these processes.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8 Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	7.MS- LS2-4.	<p>Analyze data to provide evidence that disruptions (natural or human-made) to any physical or biological component of an ecosystem can lead to shifts in all its populations.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> African Safari 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</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	7.MS- LS2-5.	<p>Evaluate competing design solutions for protecting an ecosystem. Discuss benefits and limitations of each design.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> African Safari 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</p>
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	7.MS- LS2- 6(MA).	<p>Explain how changes to the biodiversity of an ecosystem—the variety of species found in the ecosystem—may limit the availability of resources humans use.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u> Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8 Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8 Galapagos Islands National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii</p>

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Social Studies

Grade: 7 - Adopted: 2018

FOCUS / COURSE		Standards for History and Social Science Practice – Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12
STRAND	1	Demonstrate civic knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL		<p>Civic knowledge includes the core knowledge in the Content Standards relating to civics and government, economics, geography, and history.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u></p> <p>African Safari</p> <p>Ancient China - Qin & Han Dynasties</p> <p>Ancient China - Shang & Zhou Dynasties</p> <p>Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs</p> <p>Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids</p> <p>Ancient Greece</p> <p>Ancient Mayan Civilization</p> <p>Ancient Rome</p> <p>Canada: Coast to Coast</p> <p>Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p> <p>Exploring Cuba</p> <p>London - City of Pomp & Majesty</p> <p>National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii</p> <p>National Parks - Nevada, California</p> <p>National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado</p> <p>National Parks - Wyoming, Utah</p> <p>Paris - City of Light - Grades 6 - 12</p> <p>Rome - The Eternal City</p> <p>Tokyo - City of Contrasts</p>
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STRAND	7	<p>Determine next steps and take informed action, as appropriate. One of the main goals of teaching history and the social science is to provide opportunities for students to practice using the knowledge and skills that enable them to participate in civic life. Some examples of those opportunities include: Exploring questions or problems in the form of classroom discussions, essays, research papers, and other products of research; Engaging in discourse about public policy beyond the classroom through social media, letters to the editor, oral presentations in public settings, or community service learning projects. This Standard corresponds to Writing Standards 1 and 2 and Speaking and Listening Standards 1-6 for Literacy in History and Social Science.</p> <p><u>Social Studies Online</u></p> <p>African Safari</p> <p>Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8</p> <p>Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8</p> <p>Ancient China - Qin & Han Dynasties</p> <p>Ancient China - Shang & Zhou Dynasties</p> <p>Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs</p> <p>Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids</p> <p>Ancient Greece</p> <p>Ancient Mayan Civilization</p> <p>Ancient Rome</p> <p>Barcelona</p> <p>Canada: Coast to Coast</p> <p>Canada: Our Northern Neighbor</p> <p>Exploring Cuba</p> <p>Galapagos Islands</p> <p>Jerusalem - Then and Now (Older Grades)</p> <p>London - City of Pomp & Majesty</p> <p>National Parks - Alaska & Hawaii</p> <p>National Parks - Nevada, California</p> <p>National Parks - Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Colorado</p> <p>National Parks - Wyoming, Utah</p> <p>Paris - City of Light - Grades 6 - 12</p> <p>Rome - The Eternal City</p> <p>Tokyo - City of Contrasts</p> <p>Washington, DC - Grades 6 - 12</p>
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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
STRAND	Topic 1.	Central and South Asia

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	a.	Physical and political geography of Central and South Asia
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INDICATOR	1	<p>On a physical map of the world, use cardinal directions, map scales, key/legend, and title to locate Central and South Asia. On a topographic map of Central and South Asia locate important physical features of the region (e.g. the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea, the Bay of Bengal, the Ganges River, the Indo-Gangetic Plain, the Northern Mountains, the Khyber Pass, the Deccan Plateau, the Himalayan Mountains, and the Steppes). Use other kinds of maps (e.g., landform, population, climate) to determine important characteristics of this region.</p> <p>Social Studies Online Tokyo - City of Contrasts</p>
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INDICATOR	2	<p>On a political map of the region, demonstrate map reading skills to distinguish countries, capitals, and other cities and to describe their absolute location (using latitude and longitude coordinates) and relative location (relationship to other countries, cities, or bodies of water); use knowledge of maps to complement information gained from text about a city, country or region.</p> <p>Social Studies Online Tokyo - City of Contrasts</p>
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INDICATOR	3	<p>Explain how absolute and relative locations, major physical characteristics, climate and natural resources in this region have influenced settlement patterns, population size, and economies of the countries.</p> <p>Social Studies Online Tokyo - City of Contrasts</p>
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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
STRAND	Topic 1.	Central and South Asia
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	b.	Early Indian and Central Asian civilizations, religions, and cultures – Supporting Question: What was the most significant contribution of early societies in India and Central Asia to mathematics, science, the arts, and technology in the modern world?

INDICATOR	1	<p>Explain the ways in which early Indian and Central Asian societies interacted with East African, Western Asian, and European societies (e.g., by conquest, trade, colonization, diffusion of religion, language, and culture).</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient China - Qin & Han Dynasties</p>
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INDICATOR	2	Describe important economic, political, and religious developments in Indian and Central Asian history and evaluate the ways in which they conform to or differ from developments in societies in other regions of the world:

EXPECTATION	g.	<p>the role topography and geography played in making trade along the several routes of the Silk Road viable and lucrative; connections through trade routes to Africa, Europe, and China</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient China - Qin & Han Dynasties</p>
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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
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STRAND	Topic 2.	East Asia
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	b.	Early East Asian societies, religions, and cultures - Ancient China, c. 1600 BCE-500 CE – Supporting Question: To what degree have Chinese societies over time been shaped by geography?
INDICATOR	2	Describe important economic, political, and religious developments in early Chinese history and evaluate the ways in which they are similar to or different from the characteristics of societies in other regions of the world:

EXPECTATION a. the continuity of rule and encouragement of learning in the Shang and Zhou dynasties (c. 1600-256 BCE);

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EXPECTATION b. the teachings of Confucius (551-479 BCE), including writings on ethics and good government, codes of proper conduct, and relationships between parent and child, friend and friend, husband and wife, and subject and ruler and the philosophy/religion of Taoism, emphasizing harmony of humanity and nature;

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EXPECTATION c. the First Emperor's unification of China in the short Qin Dynasty (221-206 BCE) by subduing warring factions, seizing land, centralizing government, imposing strict rules, and creating, with the use of slave labor, large state building projects for irrigation, transportation, and defense (e.g., the Great Wall) and his own tomb with life-size terracotta warriors;

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EXPECTATION d. the Chinese ideographic writing system (characters, which are symbols for concepts/ideas) and how it differs from an alphabetic writing system;

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EXPECTATION e. important technologies of China such as bronze casting, silk and gunpowder manufacture;

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EXPECTATION f. China's role in trade across Asia and to and from Africa and Europe along the Silk Roads and the introduction of Buddhism in China starting c. 1st century CE.

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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
STRAND	Topic 2.	East Asia
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	c.	Early East Asian societies, religions, and cultures - Ancient Japan and Korea, c. 300 BCE-1300 CE – Supporting Question: How has Korea served as both a cultural bridge and a battleground between China and Japan?

INDICATOR	1	Trace the spread of Buddhism from India in the 4th century BCE to China, Korea, and Japan, and its development in Japan from the 6th through the 13th century CE; explain significant cultural contributions of ancient Japan (e.g., Buddhist philosophy, art, calligraphy, and temple and landscape architecture).
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INDICATOR	2	Describe the impact of encounters, such as through trade, religion, and conquest, among the ancient civilizations of China, Japan, and Korea.
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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
STRAND	Topic 4.	Europe
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	a.	Physical and political geography of Europe

INDICATOR	1	On a physical map of the world, use cardinal directions, map scales, key/legend, and title to locate Europe. Locate important physical features (e.g. the Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Norwegian Sea, and Barents Sea; Lake Baikal, the Volga, Danube, Ural, Rhine, Elbe, Seine, Po, and Thames Rivers; the Alps, Pyrenees, and Balkan Mountains). Use other kinds of maps (e.g., landform, population, climate) to determine important characteristics of this region.
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INDICATOR	3	Explain how absolute and relative locations, major physical characteristics, climate and natural resources in this region have influenced settlement patterns, population size, and economies of the countries.
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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
STRAND	Topic 4.	Europe
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	b.	Ancient and Classical Greece, c. 1200-300 BCE – Supporting Question: How does the democracy of Athens compare to the democracies of today?

INDICATOR	1	On a historical map of the Mediterranean area, locate Greece and trace the extent of its influence from c. 1200 to 300 BCE.
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INDICATOR	2	<p>Explain how the geographical location of ancient Athens and other city-states such as Corinth and Sparta contributed to their role in maritime trade, colonies in the Mediterranean, and the expansion of their cultural influence.</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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INDICATOR	3	Explain the democratic political concepts developed in ancient Greece:
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EXPECTATION	a.	<p>the “polis” or city-state</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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EXPECTATION	b.	<p>civic participation and voting rights</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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EXPECTATION	c.	<p>legislative bodies</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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EXPECTATION	d.	<p>constitution writing</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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EXPECTATION	e.	<p>rule of law</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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INDICATOR	4	<p>Compare and contrast life in Athens and Sparta, including the status and role of women and enslaved people in the two city-states.</p> <p>Social Studies Online Ancient Greece</p>
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INDICATOR	6	Give examples of Greek gods and goddesses, heroes, and events; explain the persistence of terms from Greek and Roman mythology in modern English and other European languages (e.g., Pandora's box, a Herculean task, the wrath of Achilles, Amazon, Olympics, marathon, narcissism).
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INDICATOR	7	Identify the major accomplishments of the ancient Greeks by researching and reporting on one of the following:

EXPECTATION	a.	a scientist or mathematician (e.g., Thales, Pythagoras, Euclid, or Hippocrates)
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EXPECTATION	c.	architecture (e.g., the Parthenon, the Acropolis, and the Temple of Apollo)
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EXPECTATION	d.	writing (e.g., development of the first complete alphabet with symbols for consonants and vowels)
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EXPECTATION	e.	art (e.g., the development of ideals of beauty and proportions in the human body in sculpture or the depiction of myths and heroes in vase painting)
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FOCUS / COURSE		Grade 7 Content Standards: World Geography and Ancient Civilizations II
STRAND	Topic 4.	Europe
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	c.	Ancient and Classical Rome, the Roman Republic, and the Roman Empire, c. 500 BCE-500 CE – Supporting Questions: What was the influence and legacy of the Roman Empire on the conquered peoples in the territory it controlled?

INDICATOR	1	Locate Rome on a map, trace the expansion of the Roman Empire to 500 CE and explain how Rome's location contributed to its political power in the Mediterranean and beyond.
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INDICATOR	2	Describe the rise of the Roman Republic, its government, including separation of powers, rule of law, representative government, and the notion of civic duty.
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STRAND	Topic 4.	Europe
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL	c.	Ancient and Classical Rome, the Roman Republic, and the Roman Empire, c. 500 BCE-500 CE – Supporting Questions: What was the influence and legacy of the Roman Empire on the conquered peoples in the territory it controlled?
INDICATOR	3	Describe the influence of Julius Caesar and Augustus in Rome's transition from a republic to an empire and explain the reasons for the growth and long life of the Roman Empire:

EXPECTATION a. Military organization, tactics, and conquests; and decentralized administration

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EXPECTATION b. the purpose and functions of taxes

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EXPECTATION c. the promotion of economic growth through the use of a standard currency, road construction, and the protection of trade routes and the benefits of a Pax Romana

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INDICATOR 4 Describe the characteristics of the system of classes and slavery under the Romans.

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INDICATOR 6 Describe the contribution of the Romans to architecture, engineering, and technology (e.g., roads, bridges, arenas, baths, aqueducts, central heating, plumbing, and sanitation).

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INDICATOR 8 Describe how scientific, philosophical, and aesthetic ideas diffused throughout Europe, Asia, and Africa as a result of trade, migration, conquest, and colonization.

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FOCUS / COURSE		History and Social Science and the Standards for Literacy
STRAND		Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History and Social Science [RCA-H]

STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL		Craft and Structure
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INDICATOR 4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.

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Canada: Coast to Coast

Canada: Our Northern Neighbor

INDICATOR 5 Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally), including how written texts incorporate features such as headings.

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Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pharaohs

Ancient Egypt - Land of the Pyramids

Ancient Greece

Ancient Mayan Civilization

Ancient Rome

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FOCUS / COURSE		History and Social Science and the Standards for Literacy
STRAND		Grades 6–8 Reading Standards for Literacy in the Content Areas: History and Social Science [RCA-H]
STANDARD / CONCEPT / SKILL		Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

INDICATOR 7 Integrate visual information (e.g., charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

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Amazon Rainforest - Grades 6-8

Amazon Rainforest - People and Threats - Grades 6-8

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