

7th Grade Social Studies

First 9 Weeks

- Analyze the legacy of the Roman Empire.
- Summarize the consequences of the fall of the Roman Empire including the continuation of the Eastern Roman Empire as the Byzantine Empire, Justinian and the significance of Constantinople.
- Identify the physical location and features and the climate of the Arabian Peninsula, its relationship to surrounding bodies of land and water, including Northern Africa, the Mediterranean, Black and Caspian Seas, the Tigris, Euphrates and Nile Rivers.
- Describe the expansion of Muslim rule through conquests and cultural diffusion of Islam and the Arabic language.
- Trace the origins of Islam and the life and teachings of Muhammad, including Islam's historical connections to Judaism and Christianity.
- Explain the significance of the Qur'an and the Sunnah as the primary texts of Islamic beliefs, practice and law and their influence in a person's daily life.
- Analyze the origins and impact of different sects within Islam including the Sunni and the Shia.
- Examine and summarize the contributions Muslim scholars made to later civilizations in the areas of science, geography, mathematics, philosophy, medicine, art and literature.
- Describe the establishment of trade routes among Asia, Africa and Europe and the role of merchants in Arab society.
- Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources to examine the art and architecture, including the Taj Mahal, during the Mughal period.
- Explain the importance of Mehmet II the Conqueror and Suleiman the

Magnificent.

- Write an explanatory text to describe the Shah Abbas and how his policies of cultural blending led to the Golden Age and the rise of the Safavid Empire.
- Analyze the growth of the kingdoms of Ghana, Mali and Songhai including trading centers such as Timbuktu and Jenne, which would later develop into centers of culture and learning.
- Draw evidence from informational texts to describe the role of the trans-Saharan caravan trade in the changing religious and cultural characteristics of West Africa and the influence of Islamic beliefs, ethics and law.
- Examine the importance of written and oral traditions in the transmission of African history and culture.
- Analyze the importance of family, labor specialization and regional commerce in the development of states and cities in West Africa.
- Explain the importance of Mansa Musa and locate his pilgrimage to Mecca in AD 1324.
- Compare the indigenous religious practices observed by early Africans before and after contact with Islam and Christianity.

Common Formative Assessment 1 – Week of August 29, 2016

Common Formative Assessment 2 – Week of October 3, 2016

Second 9 Weeks

- Create a visual or multimedia display to identify the physical location and major geographical features of China including the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers, the Himalayas, the Plateau of Tibet and the Gobi Desert.
- Describe the reunification of China under the Tang Dynasty and reasons

- for the cultural diffusion of Buddhism.
- Analyze the role of kinship and Confucianism in maintaining order and hierarchy.
 - Summarize the significance of the rapid agricultural, commercial and technological development during the Song Dynasties.
 - Trace the spread of Chinese technology to other parts of Asia, the Islamic world and Europe including papermaking, wood-block printing, the compass and gunpowder.
 - Describe and locate the Mongol conquest of China including Genghis Khan and Kublai Khan.
 - Engage effectively in a collaborative discussion describing the development of the imperial state and the scholar-official class (Neo-Confucianism).
 - Draw evidence from informational texts to analyze the contributions made during the Ming Dynasty such as building projects, including the Forbidden City, the reconstruction of the Great Wall, the policy of isolationism and the sea voyages of Zheng He.
 - Compare the major features of Shinto, Japan's indigenous religion, and Japanese Buddhism.
 - Explain the influence of China and the Korean peninsula upon Japan as Buddhism, Confucianism and the Chinese writing system were adopted.
 - Trace the emergence of the Japanese nation during the Nara and the Heian periods.
 - Describe how the Heian aristocracy created enduring Japanese cultural perspectives that are epitomized in works of prose such as *The Tale of Genji*, one of the world's first novels.
 - Analyze the rise of a military society in the late twelfth century and the role of the shogun and samurai in that society.

Common Formative Assessment 4 – Week of December 12, 2016

Third 9 Weeks

- Identify the physical location and features of Europe including the Alps, the Ural Mountains, the North European Plain and the Mediterranean Sea and the influence of the North Atlantic Drift.
- Describe the development of feudalism and manorialism, its role in the medieval European economy and the way in which it was influenced by physical geography (the role of the manor and the growth of towns).
- Demonstrate an understanding of the conflict and cooperation between the Papacy and European monarchs, including Charlemagne, Gregory VII and Emperor Henry IV.
- Examine the Norman Invasion, the Battle of Hastings and the impact of the reign of William the Conqueror on England and Northern France.
- Conduct a short research project explaining the significance of developments in medieval English legal and constitutional practices and their importance in the rise of modern democratic thought and representative institutions including trial by jury, the common law, the Magna Carta, parliament, habeas corpus and an independent judiciary in England.
- Examine the spread of Christianity north of the Alps and the roles played by the early church and by monasteries in its diffusion after the fall of the western half of the Roman Empire.
- Analyze the causes, course and consequences of the European Crusades and their effects on the Christian, Muslim and Jewish populations in Europe emphasizing the increasing contact by Europeans with cultures of the Eastern Mediterranean world.
- Explain the importance of the Catholic church as a political, intellectual and aesthetic institution, including founding of universities, political and

- spiritual roles of the clergy, creation of monastic and mendicant religious orders, preservation of the Latin language and religious texts, Thomas Aquinas's synthesis of classical philosophy with Christian theology and the concept of "natural law".
- Describe the economic and social effects of the spread of the Black Death (Bubonic Plague) from Central Asia to China, the Middle East and Europe, and its impact on the global population.
 - Trace the emergence of a modern economy, including the growth of banking, technological and agricultural improvements, commerce, towns and a merchant class.
 - Outline the decline of Muslim rule in the Iberian Peninsula that culminated in the Reconquista, Inquisition and the rise of Spanish and Portuguese kingdoms.
 - Gather relevant information from multiple sources about Henry V, the Hundred Years War and Joan of Arc.
 - Trace the emergence of the Renaissance, including influence from Moorish scholars in Spain.
 - Cite evidence in writing explaining the importance of Florence, Italy, and the Medici Family in the early stages of the Renaissance and the growth of independent trading cities, such as Venice, and their importance in the spread of Renaissance ideas.
 - Summarize the effects and implications of the reopening of the ancient Silk Road between Europe and China, including Marco Polo's travels and the location of his routes.
 - Describe how humanism led to a revival of classical learning and fostered a new interest in the arts, including a balance between intellect and religious faith.
 - Analyze the growth and effects of new ways of disseminating information, the ability to manufacture paper, the translation of the Bible into vernacular and printing.

- Outline the advances made in literature, the arts, science, mathematics, cartography, engineering, the understanding of human anatomy and astronomy, including Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Johannes Gutenberg and William Shakespeare.
- Conduct a research project drawing on several resources to investigate the Tudor dynasty of Henry VIII, Mary I and Elizabeth I, including their family heritage, line of succession, religious conflicts, conflict with the Spanish Armada and the rise of English power in Europe.
- Explain the institution and impact of missionaries on Christianity and the diffusion of Christianity from Europe to other parts of the world in the medieval and early modern periods.
- Locate and identify the European regions that remained Catholic and those that became Protestant and how the division affected the distribution of European religion in the New World.
- Explain the heightened influence of the Catholic Church, the growth of literacy, the spread of printed books, the explosion of knowledge that followed and the Church's reaction to these developments.
- List and explain the significance of the causes for the internal turmoil within and eventual weakening of the Catholic Church including tax policies, selling of indulgences and England's break with the Catholic Church.
- Outline the reasons for the growing discontent with the Catholic Church, including the main ideas of Martin Luther, John Calvin, Desiderius Erasmus and William Tyndale, and their attempts to reconcile what they viewed as God's word with Catholic Church practices.
- Engage effectively in collaborative discussions explaining the new Protestant practices of church self-government and the influence of those practices on the development of democratic practices and ideas of federalism.
- Analyze how the Catholic Counter-Reformation revitalized the Catholic

Church and the forces that fostered the movement, including St. Ignatius of Loyola and the Jesuits and the Council of Trent.

Common Formative Assessment 5 – Week of January 30, 2017

Common Formative Assessment 6 – Week of March 6, 2017

Fourth 9 Weeks

- Describe the roots of the Scientific Revolution based upon Christian and Muslim influences.
- Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources explaining the significance of new scientific theories, the accomplishments of leading figures including Bacon, Copernicus, Descartes, Galileo, Kepler and Newton, and new inventions, including the telescope, microscope, thermometer and barometer.
- Trace how the main ideas of the Enlightenment can be traced back to such movements and epochs as the Renaissance, the Reformation, the Scientific Revolution, the Greeks, the Romans and Christianity.
- Describe the accomplishments of major Enlightenment thinkers, including Locke and Montesquieu.
- Explain the origins of modern capitalism examining the influence of mercantilism and the cottage industry, the elements and importance of a market economy in 17th century Europe, the changing international trading and marketing patterns, including their locations on a world map and the influence of explorers and mapmakers.
- Identify the locations of the Olmec, Maya, Aztec and Inca civilizations and explain the impact of the geographical features and climates of Mexico, Central America, and South America on their civilizations.
- Describe the highly structured social and political system of the Maya

- civilization, ruled by kings and consisting of agriculturally intensive centers around independent city-states.
- Create a graphic organizer or concept map explaining how and where four important South and Mesoamerican empires arose.
 - Explain the roles of peoples in the Aztec and Incan societies, including class structures, family life, warfare, religious beliefs and practices and slavery.
 - Use multimedia components and visual displays in presentations to describe the artistic and oral traditions and architecture in the four major South and Mesoamerican civilizations.
 - Cite several pieces of textual evidence to support the analysis of the impacts of the Mesoamerican developments in astronomy and mathematics, including the calendar, and the Mesoamerican knowledge of seasonal changes to the civilizations' agricultural systems.
 - Compare the varied economies and trade networks within and among major indigenous cultures prior to contact with Europeans and their systems of government, religious beliefs, distinct territories and customs and traditions.
 - Identify the European countries responsible for North American exploration and the modern day regions in which they settled, including France, Spain, England, Portugal and Holland. Summarize the reasons for the success of these countries in colonization or North and South America.
 - Analyze why European countries were motivated to explore including religion, political rivalry and economic gain.
 - Identify the voyages of discovery, the locations of the routes, and the influence of technology in the developments of a new European worldview including cartography, compass, caravel and astrolabe.
 - Examine the impact of the exchanges of plants, animals, technology, culture, ideas and diseases among Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas in the 15th and 16th centuries and the major economic and social effects

- on each continent.
- Write an opinion piece with supporting details that describes the effects of exploration on the indigenous American cultures.

Common Formative Assessment 7 – Week of April 3, 2017

SS 7th Grade State Standards are found:

http://tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/std_ss_gr_7.pdf

**All common assessments will be scheduled within the week assigned. Each school may adjust the day of the week to meet the individual's school schedule.*

**Common assessments may be rescheduled due to inclement weather.*