

Optio	ons FRMS Social Studies 6A-OR	Scope and Sequence
Unit	Lesson	Objectives
Skills	s and Overview	
	Analyzing Historical Sources	
		Explain how to develop historical research questions.
		Distinguish between primary and secondary sources.
		Analyze primary and secondary sources.
	Analyzing Time Lines	
		Identify terms used to define time and time periods.
		Compare time-measurement systems.
		Read and analyze time lines.
	Research and Evidence	
		Explain how to form an effective research question.
		Describe how to conduct successful research.
		Explain how to interpret evidence when building an argument.
	Problem Solving in Social Studies	
		Learn about the steps involved in a problem-solving process.
		Apply a problem-solving process to a problem.
	World Geography: Western Hemisphere	
		Locate the physical features of the Western Hemisphere.
		Locate the political features of the Western hemisphere.
		Describe the cultural characteristics of the Western Hemisphere.
		Interpret maps, charts, and graphs using geography skills.

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	Humans and Their Environment	
		Describe the effects of the environment on human behavior and activity.
		Explain the effects of human modifications of the environment.
		Describe the impact of environmental issues.
	Unit Test	
Early	Indigenous Central and South America	
	Geography of Central and South Americas	
		Identify the major physical features of Mexico, Central America, and South America.
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on civilizations in Mexico, Central America, and South America.
		Use maps to investigate spatial relationships.
	Mesoamerican and South American Civilizations	
		Describe characteristics of the Olmec civilization.
		Describe characteristics of the Zapotec civilization.
		Describe characteristics of the Chavin civilization.
	The Maya	
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on the rise of the Mayan civilization.
		Identify the political and economic characteristics of the Mayan civilization.
		Describe the culture and achievements of the Mayan civilization.
	The Aztecs	
		Explain the influence of the physical environment on the rise of the Aztec.
		Identify the political and economic characteristics of the Aztec.

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	Describe the culture and achievements of the Aztec.
The Inca	
	Explain the influence of the physical environment on the rise of the Inca.
	Identify the political and economic characteristics of the Inca.
	Describe the culture and achievements of the Inca.
Unit Test	
Global Convergence and the Americas	
Voyages of Columbus	
	Identify the factors that motivated European nations to explore the seas during the Age of Discovery.
	Compare and contrast Columbus's actual findings with European expectations of the world.
	Describe Columbus's journey to the Caribbean.
The Columbian Exchange	
	Describe trade among Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas in the 15th and 16th centuries.
	Explain major economic and social effects of the Columbian Exchange.
	Analyze the origins of modern capitalism.
Reading a Procedural Text	
	Identify the key steps in a text's description of a process.
	Determine the meanings of unfamiliar words and phrases.
	Integrate visual information with other information in a text.
Spanish Exploration	
	Examine Spain's religious and economic motivations for colonizing the Americas.
	Describe the conquistadors' campaigns to defeat the Aztec and Inca empires.

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		Identify Spain's efforts to spread Catholicism and Spanish culture throughout the Americas.
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Inde	pendence in Central and South America	
	Revolutions in Latin America and the Caribbean	
		Describe the causes and effects of the Revolution in Haiti.
		Explain how Latin American countries gained independence.
		Explain how the challenges facing Latin American countries following their independence led to political instability.
	Latin America after Independence	
		Examine the political challenges faced by Latin American governments after gaining independence.
		Analyze the effects of the instability faced by newly independent countries in Latin America.
	Latin American Reform	
		Explain the causes and effects of the Mexican Revolution.
		Describe how Mexico instituted a democratic government.
		Examine how Latin America experimented with different forms of government.
	Challenges in South America	
		Identify events in Brazil's transition to democracy.
		Analyze factors that led to the end of military rule in Argentina.
		Examine events in Chile's transition toward democracy.
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Geo	graphy of Central and South America	
	Physical Features of Central America	

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		Locate the major landforms of Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean
		Identify major rivers and other bodies of water in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean
		Examine the effects of tectonic activity on the geography of Central America
Physical Featu	ures of South America	
		Locate the major landforms of South America
		Identify key bodies of water in South America
Climates and	Ecosystems of Latin America	
		Identify and locate the major climate regions in Latin America
		Locate the ecosystems of Latin America and identify examples of native plant and animal life
		Explore the effect of Latin America's climates on the population of the region
Political Geog Caribbean	raphy of Latin America and the	
		Locate major countries and population centers in Latin America and the Caribbean
		Explore the features of the systems of government found in Latin America and the Caribbean
		Compare the governments of Mexico, Brazil, and Cuba with regard to their political structure and opportunities for civic participation
Unit Test		
Contemporary Cent	tral and South America	
Cultural Chara	acteristics of Latin America	
		Evaluate the effects of European colonization on the cultures of Latin America
		Explore the cultural characteristics of Latin America and the Caribbean
		Examine the factors that affect the standards of living in Latin America and the Caribbean
Natural Resou America	irces and Economies of Latin	

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	Identify and locate natural resources in Latin America
	Describe major economic activities in Latin America
	Compare the economic systems found in Brazil and Cuba
Environmental Issues in Latin America	
	Identify ways that human populations have modified the land in Latin America
	Identify ways that human populations have modified the water in Latin America
	Summarize the major environmental concerns of Latin America today
Modern Issues in Latin America	
	Explain the causes and effects of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest
	Examine the consequences of the illegal drug trade in Latin America
Unit Test	
Geography and North America	
Physical Geography of the United States	
	Locate physical features of the United States.
	Locate major ecosystems and climate regions of the United States.
	Describe major ecosystems and climate regions of the United States.
Physical Features of Canada	
	Locate the major landforms of Canada
	Describe the characteristics of important physical features in Canada
	Identify key rivers and other bodies of water in Canada
	Explain the effects of the Continental Divide
Climates and Ecosystems of the US and Canada	

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	Identify and locate the major climate regions of the US and Canada
	Locate the ecosystems of the US and Canada and identify examples of commonly found plant and animal life
	Explore ways in which climate affects settlement patterns in the US and Canada
	Investigate the effects of tropical storms in the region
Natural Resources and Economies of the US and Canada	
	Identify and locate natural resources in the US and Canada
	Describe steps the US and Canada are taking to overcome challenges with energy resources
	Investigate major economic sectors of the US and Canada, and identify geographic factors that influence their location
	Compare the economic systems found in the US and Canada
Americans and Their Environment	
	Identify ways that human activity has impacted the environment.
	Describe ways Americans are working to solve environmental challenges.
	Explain how the environment influences human behavior.
Test	
Cumulative Exam	
Cumulative Exam Review	
Cumulative Exam	