

## HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

### World History I:

- Understand the emergence and Expansion of Islam to 1500
- Understand the Medieval Period in Europe to 1500
- Understand the encounters between Christianity and Islam to 1500
- Understand the origins of European Western Expansion and the Civilizations of Central and South America
- Understand the African History to 1800
- Understand the Indian History to 1800
- Understand the history of China, Japan, and Korea to 1800
- Understand the Renaissance and the Reformation in Europe
- Understand the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment of Europe
- Understand The Growth and Decline of Islamic Empires

### World History II:

- Understand the Growth of the Nation State in Europe
- Understand the Industrial revolution and Social and Political Change in Europe, 1800-1914
- Understand the Asian, African, and Latin American History in the 19th and early 20th centuries
- Understand the Great Wars, 1914-1945
- Understand the Cold War Era, 1945-1989
- Understand the Contemporary World, 1989-2001

### U.S. History I:

- Understand The Political and Intellectual Origins of the American Nation: the revolution and the Constitution, 1763-1789
- Understand the formation and Framework of American Democracy

- Understand the Political Democratization, Westward Expansion, and Diplomatic Developments, 1790-1860
- Understand the Economic Growth in the North and South, 1800-1860
- Understand the Social, Political, and Religious Change, 1800-1860
- Understand the Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877

### U.S. History II:

- Understand the Industrial America and Its Emerging Role in International Affairs, 1870-1920
- Understand The Age of Reform: Progressivism and the New Deal, 1900-1940
- Understand the World War II, 1939-1945
- Understand the Cold War Abroad, 19-45-1989
- Understand the Cold War America at Home: Economic Growth and Optimism, Anticommunism, and Reform, 1945-1980
- Understand the Contemporary America, 1980-2001

### Economics:

- Understand the Scarcity and Economic Reasoning
- Understand the Supply and Demand
- Understand the Market Structures
- Understand the Role of Government
- Understand the National Economic Performance
- Understand the Money and the Role of Financial Institutions
- Understand the concept of Trade

### American Government:

- Understand the Nature of Citizenship, Politics, and Government
- Understand the Foundations of Government in the United States
- Understand the Purposes, Principles, and Institutions of Government in the United States of America

- Understand the roles of Citizens in the United States

### Human Geography:

- Understand Geography: Its Nature and perspectives
- Understand Population and Migration
- Understand the cultural patterns and processes
- Understand the political organization of space
- Understand the agriculture, food production and rural land use
- Understand the industrialization and economic development
- Study cities and urban land use
- Understand the scale
- Understand the landscape
- Understand the spatial patterns
- Understand the diffusion
- Understand the culture
- Understand the connections and Linkages

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**The purpose of this guide is to identify the major topics, concepts, and skills that are considered essential for this grade level as identified by the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.**

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