

DCPS Social Studies Standards:

Grades 3-5 Historical and Social Sciences Analysis Skills

Chronology and Cause and Effect

3. Students explain how the present is connected to the past, identifying both similarities and differences between the two, and how some things change over time and some things stay the same.
4. Students summarize the key events of the era they are studying and explain the historical contexts of those events.
5. Students distinguish cause from effect and identify and interpret the multiple causes and effects of historical events.

Historical Research, Evidence, and Point of View

1. Students analyze societies in terms of the following themes: military, political, economic, social, religious, and intellectual.
2. Students differentiate between primary and secondary sources and know examples of each.
3. Students pose relevant questions about events they encounter in historical documents, eyewitness accounts, oral histories, letters, diaries, artifacts, photographs, maps, artworks, and architecture.
4. Students use non-text primary and secondary sources, such as maps, charts, graphs, photographs, works of art, and technical charts.

Grades 6-8 Historical and Social Sciences Analysis Skills

Chronology and Historical Interpretation

1. Students explain how major events are related to one another in time.
3. Students explain the central issues and problems from the past, placing people and events in a matrix of time and place.
5. Students explain the sources of historical continuity and how the combination of ideas and events explains the emergence of new patterns.
7. Students recognize that interpretations of history are subject to change as new information is uncovered.
9. Students frame questions that can be answered by historical study and research.
14. Students detect the different historical points of view on historical events and determine the context in which the historical statements were made (the questions asked, sources used, and author's perspectives).

Geographic Skills

5. Students explain the historical migration of people, expansion and disintegration of empires, and the growth of economic systems. Identify spatial patterns in the movement of people, goods, and ideas throughout history.
6. Students study current events to identify the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of earth's cultural mosaics.
7. Students assess how people's changing perceptions of geographic features have led to changes in human societies. They study current events to describe how people's experiences of diverse cultures and places influences their perceptions and viewpoints.
8. Students identify and explain the process of conflict and cooperation (political, economic, religious, etc.) among people in the contemporary world at local, national, regional, and international scales.
9. Students explain the effects of interactions between humans and natural systems, including how humans depend on natural resources and adapt to and affect the natural environment.

Grades 9-12 Historical and Social Sciences Analysis Skills

Historical Chronology and Interpretation

2. Students analyze how change happens at different rates at different times, understand that some aspects can change while others remain the same, and understand that change is complicated and affects not only technology and politics but also values and beliefs.

4. Students recognize the complexity of historical causes and effects, including the limitations on determining cause and effect.

Geographic Skills

2. Students use a variety of maps and documents to interpret human movement, including major patterns of domestic and international migration, changing environmental preferences and settlement patterns, the frictions that develop between population groups, and the diffusion of ideas, technological innovations, and goods. Identify major patterns of human migration, both in the past and present.

3. Students relate current events to the physical and human characteristics of places and regions. They identify the characteristics, distribution, and complexity of Earth's cultural mosaics.

7. Students study current events to explain how human actions modify the physical environment and how the physical environment affects human systems (e.g., natural disasters, climate, and resources). They explain the resulting environmental policy issues.

8. Students explain how different points of view influence policies relating to the use and management of Earth's resources.

Historical Research, Evidence, and Point of View

2. Students identify bias and prejudice in historical interpretations.

4. Students construct and test hypotheses; collect, evaluate, and employ information from multiple primary and secondary sources; and apply it in oral and written presentations.

Common Core Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.1

Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.2

Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.3

Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies (e.g., how a bill becomes law, how interest rates are raised or lowered).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.5

Describe how a text presents information (e.g., sequentially, comparatively, causally).

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RH.6-8.6

Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose (e.g., loaded language, inclusion or avoidance of particular facts).