

SOCIAL STUDIES
Grade 7 – Benchmarks

STANDARD A: GEOGRAPHY	
Wisconsin Performance Standards	Grade Seven Benchmarks
<p>A.8.1 Use a variety of geographic representations to gather and compare information about a place.</p> <p>A.8.2 Construct mental maps of selected locales, regions, states, and countries and draw maps from memory, representing relative location, direction, size, and shape.</p> <p>A.8.3 Use an atlas to estimate distance, calculate scale, identify dominant patterns of climate and land use, and compute population density.</p> <p>A.8.5 Identify and compare the natural resource bases of different states and regions in the United States and elsewhere in the world, using a statistical atlas, aerial photographs, satellite images, and computer databases.</p> <p>A.8.11 Give examples of the causes and consequences of current global issues and suggest possible responses by various individuals, groups, and nations.</p>	<p>A.7.1. Uses a variety of maps, globes, and pictures to gather and compare information.</p> <p>A.7.2a. Knows the location of regions, states, and countries, major bodies of water and mountain ranges.</p> <p>A.7.2b. Creates maps.</p> <p>A.7.3. Uses atlases to gather information for a variety of purposes.</p> <p>A.7.5. Knows the natural resource bases of U.S. states, U.S. regions, and world regions.</p> <p>A.7.11 Knows how current global issues are related to the interaction among people, places, and environments.</p>
STANDARD B: HISTORY	
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<p>B.8.2 Employ cause-and-effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and the present in United States and world history.</p> <p>B.8.3 Describe the relationships between and among significant events.</p> <p>B.8.10 Analyze examples of conflict, cooperation, and interdependence among groups, societies, or nations.</p> <p>B.8.12 Describe how history can be organized and analyzed using various criteria to group people and events chronologically, geographically, thematically, topically, and by issues.</p>	<p>B.7.2a. Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and present world history.</p> <p>B.7.3 Understands the relationships of significant events in United States and world history.</p> <p>B.7.10. Understands that conflict, cooperation and interdependence among groups, societies or nations influences history.</p> <p>B.7.12. Knows how history can be organized and analyzed in a variety of ways.</p>

STANDARD C: POLITICAL SCIENCE	
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<p>C.8.1 Identify and explain democracy's basic principles.</p> <p>C.8.4 Describe and explain how the federal system separates the powers of federal, state, and local governments in the United States, and how legislative, executive, and judicial powers are balanced at the federal level.</p> <p>C.8.6 Explain the role of political parties and interest groups in American politics.</p> <p>C.8.9 Describe the role of international organizations such as military alliances and trade associations.</p>	<p>C.7.1. Understands the basic principles of democracy.</p> <p>C.7.4a. Understands the system of checks and balances of the three branches of governments.</p> <p>C.7.6. Understands the role of political parties and interest groups in American politics.</p> <p>C.7.9. Understands the role of international organizations.</p>
STANDARD E: BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE	
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<p>E.8.2 Give examples to explain and illustrate how factors contribute to individual identity and development.</p> <p>E.8.10 Explain how language, art, music, beliefs, and other components of culture can further global understanding or cause misunderstanding.</p> <p>E.8.11 Explain how beliefs and practices may lead to conflict among people of different regions or cultures and give examples of such conflicts that have and have not been resolved.</p> <p>E.8.14 Describe cooperation and interdependence among individuals, groups, and nations.</p>	<p>E.7.2. Knows factors that influence individual identity and development.</p> <p>E.7.10. Knows that differences in cultures may lead to understanding or misunderstanding among people.</p> <p>E.7.11. Knows how socio-economic factors may lead to conflict among people.</p> <p>E.7.14. Knows about the interdependence among individuals and nations.</p>

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SOCIAL STUDIES - BENCHMARKS BY UNIT

Unit: Map Skills	
Geo A.7.1	Uses a variety of maps, globes, and pictures to gather and compare information.
Geo A.7.2b	Creates maps.
Geo A.7.3	Use atlases to gather information for a variety of purposes.
Unit: Themes of Geography	
Geo A.7.5	Knows the natural resource bases of U.S. states, U.S. regions, and world regions.
Unit: Civics / Government	
Pol Sci C.7.1	Understands the basic principles of democracy.
Pol Sci C.7.4a	Understands the system of checks and balances of the three branches of governments.
Pol Sci C.7.6	Understands the role of political parties and interest groups in American politics.
Pol Sci C.7.9	Understands the role of international organizations.
His B.7.12	Knows how history can be organized and analyzed in a variety of ways.
Unit: European Geography	
Geo A.7.2a	Knows the location of regions, states, and countries, major bodies of water and mountain ranges.
Unit: Canada	
Geo A.7.2a	Knows the location of regions, states, and countries, major bodies of water and mountain ranges.
Geo A.7.5	Knows the natural resource bases of U.S. states, U.S. regions, and world regions.
Beh Sci E.7.2	Knows factors that influence individual identity and development.
Beh Sci E.7.10	Knows that differences in culture may lead to understanding or misunderstanding among people.
Unit: Latin American History	
His B.7.2b	Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and present world history.
His B.7.10	Understands that conflict, cooperation and interdependence among groups, societies or nations influence history.
Beh Sci E.7.10	Knows that differences in cultures may lead to understanding or misunderstanding among people.
Unit: Mexico Today	
Geo A.7.2a	Knows the location of regions, states, and countries, major bodies of water and mountain ranges.
Geo A. 7.5	Knows the natural resources bases of US states, US regions, and world regions.
Geo A.7.11	Knows how current global issues are related to the interaction among people, places, and environments.
His B.7.2a	Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and present world history.
His B.7.10	Understands that conflict, cooperation and interdependence among groups, societies or nations influence history.
Beh Sci E.7.10	Knows that differences in cultures may lead to understanding or misunderstanding among people.
Beh Sci E.7.11	Knows how socio-economic factors may lead to conflict among people.

Unit: Central America & Caribbean	
Geo A.7.2a	Knows the location of regions, states, and countries, major bodies of water and mountain ranges.
Geo A.7.5	Knows the natural resource bases of US states, US regions, and world regions.
His B.7.3	Understands the relationships of significant events in United States and world history.
His B.7.10	Understands that conflict, cooperation and interdependence among groups, societies or nations influence history.
Beh Sci E.7.10	Knows that differences in cultures may lead to understanding or misunderstanding among people.
Beh Sci E.7.14	Knows about the interdependence among individuals and nations.
Unit: South America	
Geo A.7.2a	Knows the location of regions, states and countries, major bodies of water and mountain.
Geo A.7.11	Knows how current global issues are related to the interaction among people, places, and environment.
Beh Sci E.7.2	Knows factors that influence identity and development.