

**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**Grade 6 – Benchmarks**

<b>STANDARD A: GEOGRAPHY</b>	
<b>Wisconsin Performance Standards</b>	<b>Grade Six Benchmarks</b>
<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.8.6 Describe and distinguish between the environmental effects on the earth of short-term physical changes and long-term physical changes.</p> <p>A.8.7 Describe the movement of people, ideas, diseases, and products throughout the world.</p> <p>A.8.8 Describe and analyze the ways in which people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environments through vocational and recreational activities.</p> <p>A.8.9 Describe how buildings and their decoration reflect cultural values and ideas, providing examples.</p>	<p>A.6.1. Uses a variety of maps, globes, and pictures to gather and compare information.</p> <p>A.6.2b. Creates maps.</p> <p>A.6.3. Uses atlases to gather information for a variety of purposes.</p> <p>A.6.5. Knows the natural resource bases of U.S. states, U.S. regions, and world regions.</p> <p>A.6.6. Knows how short-term and long-term physical environmental changes affect the earth.</p> <p>A.6.7. Knows about the movement of people, ideas, diseases, and products throughout the world.</p> <p>A.6.8. Understands how people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environment.</p> <p>A.6.9. Knows how art/architecture of structures reflect cultural values and ideas.</p>
<b>STANDARD B: HISTORY</b>	
<b>Wisconsin Performance Standards</b>	<b>Grade Six Benchmarks</b>
<p>B.8.1 Interpret the past using a variety of sources and evaluate the credibility of sources used.</p> <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.8.7 Identify significant events and people in the major eras of United States and world history.</p> <p>B.8.10 Analyze examples of conflict, cooperation, and interdependence among groups, societies, or nations.</p>	<p>B.6.1. Knows how the past can be interpreted using a variety of primary sources.</p> <p>B.6.2b. Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events influenced the past and the present United States.</p> <p>B.6.3. Understands the relationship of significant events in United States and world history.</p> <p>B.6.7b. Knows significant people and events in the major eras of United States history.</p> <p>B.6.10. Understands that conflict, cooperation and interdependence among groups, societies or nations influences history.</p> <p>B.6.12. Knows how history can be organized and analyzed in a variety of ways.</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.	
<b>STANDARD C: POLITICAL SCIENCE</b>	
<b>Wisconsin Performance Standards</b>	<b>Grade Six Benchmarks</b>
C.8.3 Explain how laws are developed, how the purposes of government are established, and how the powers of government are acquired, maintained, justified, and sometimes abused.	C.6.3b. Understands how governments are established and maintained. C.6.3c. Understands the purposes and powers of governments.
<b>STANDARD D: ECONOMICS</b>	
<b>Wisconsin Performance Standards</b>	<b>Grade Six Benchmarks</b>
D.8.7 Identify the location of concentrations of selected natural resources and describe how their acquisition and distribution generates trade and shapes economic patterns.	D.6.7. Knows how the acquisition and distribution of natural resources generate trade and shape economic patterns.
<b>STANDARD E: BEHAVIORIAL SCIENCE</b>	
<b>Wisconsin Performance Standards</b>	<b>Grade Six Benchmarks</b>
E.8.3 Describe the ways in which local, regional, and ethnic cultures may influence the everyday lives of people. E.8.4 Describe and explain the means by which individuals, groups, and institutions may contribute to social continuity and change within a community. E.8.13 Select examples of artistic expressions from several different cultures for the purpose of comparing and contrasting the beliefs expressed.	E.6.3. Knows that culture influences people. E.6.4. Knows factors that contribute to change and continuity in society. E.6.13. Knows how artistic expressions reflect the beliefs of culture.

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**SOCIAL STUDIES - BENCHMARKS BY UNIT**

<b>Unit: Maps/Geography/D.O.G.</b>	
Geo A.6.1	Use a variety of maps, globes, and pictures to gather and compare information.
Geo A.6.2b	Creates maps.
Geo A.6.3	Uses atlases to gather information for a variety of purposes.
<b>Unit: Archaeology/Early Man</b>	
Geo A.6.6	Knows how short-term and long-term physical environmental changes affect the earth.
Geo A.6.7	Knows about the movement of people, ideas, diseases, and products throughout the world.
Geo A.6.8	Understands how people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environment.
Geo A.6.9	Knows how art/architecture of structures reflect cultural values and ideas.
His B.6.1	Knows how the past can be interpreted using a variety of primary sources.
His B.6.2b	Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and present world history.
His B.6.12	Knows that history is organized in a variety of ways.
Beh Sci E.6.3	Knows that culture influences people's lives.
Beh Sci E.6.4	Knows factors that contribute to change and continuity in society.
Beh Sci E. 6.13	Knows how cave people used artistic expression to reflect the beliefs of their culture.
<b>Unit: Mesopotamia</b>	
Geo A.6.2b	Creates maps.
Geo A.6.5	Knows the natural resource bases of U.S. states, U.S. regions, and world regions.
Geo A. 6.8	Understands how people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environment.
Geo A.6.9	Knows how art/architecture of structures reflect cultural values and ideas.
His B.6.2b	Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and present world history.
His B.6.7b	Knows significant people and events in the major eras of world history.
His B.6.10	Understands that conflict, cooperation and interdependence among groups, societies or nations influences history.
Pol Sci C.6.3b	Understands how governments are established and maintained.
Pol Sci C.6.3c	Understands the purposes and powers of governments.
Beh Sci E.6.4	Knows factors that contribute to change and continuity in society.
Beh Sci E.6.13	Knows how artistic expressions reflect the beliefs of culture.
<b>Unit: Ancient Egypt</b>	
Geo A.6.2b	Creates maps.
Geo A.6.8	Understands how people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environment.
Geo A.6.9	Knows how art/architecture of structures reflect cultural values and ideas.
His B.6.1	Knows how the past can be interpreted using a variety of primary sources.
His B.6.2b	Uses cause and effect arguments to demonstrate how significant events have influenced the past and present world history.
His B.6.7b	Knows significant people and events in the major eras of world history.
Pol Sci C.6.3b	Understands how governments are established and maintained.

Pol Sci C. 6.3c	Understands the purposes and powers of governments.
Beh Sci E.6.4	Knows factors that contribute to change and continuity in society.
Beh Sci E.6.13	Knows how artistic expressions reflect the beliefs of culture.
Unit: Ancient Greece	
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Geo A.6.8	Understands how people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environment.
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Pol Sci C.6.3b	Understands how governments are established and maintained.
Pol Sci C.6.3c	Understands the purposes and powers of governments.
Econ D. 6.7	Knows how the acquisition and distribution of natural resources generate trade and shape economic patterns.
Beh Sci E.6.4	Knows factors that contribute to change and continuity in society.
Beh Sci E.6.13	Knows how artistic expressions reflect the beliefs of culture.
Unit: Ancient Rome	
Geo A.6.2b	Creates maps.
Geo A.6.8	Understands how people in different regions of the world interact with their physical environment.
Geo A.6.9	Knows how art/architecture of structures reflect cultural values and ideas.
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Middle Ages	
His B.6.10	Understand that conflict, cooperation, and interdependence among groups and societies influence ancient Roman history.
Beh Sci E.6.4	Knows factors that change and continuity in ancient Roman society.