

8th Grade Social Studies Year at a Glance

Sem	Month	Week			
* Dates are subject to change in order to meet the needs of our students.					
Fall Semester	Aug	1	1st 9 Weeks	Unit 1 Geography:	
		2		Benchmark test, map skills, nation, continent, and hemispheres, 5 regions of GA and their characteristics, key physical features: Fall Line, Okefenokee Swamp, Appalachian Mountains, Chattahoochee and Savannah Rivers and barrier islands, Unit 1 Test on 8/24	
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	Sept	4		Unit 2 Exploration to Colonization:	
		5		impact of European exploration on Native American cultures(Mississippians), settlement of SE focusing on English and Spanish GA colony from settlement thru royal governors, key people and groups of GA's settlement. Unit 2 Test on 9/18	
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	Oct	8		Unit 3 Revolution and Statehood:	
		9		Events leading to and GA's role in Revolutionary War (French and Indian War, Stamp Act, Battle of Kettle Creek, Siege of Savannah), Declaration of Independence (preamble, grievances, declaration), Weaknesses of Articles of Confederation Unit 3 Test 10/2	
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	Nov	11	Unit 4 Georgia Grows With the Nation:		
		12	Headright, Lotteries, Yazoo land fraud, Trail of Tears, Worcester v. Ga, McIntosh, cotton gin and railroads impact Unit 4 Test 10/23		
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		14	Unit 5 Testing the Nation/Civil War:		
	Dec	15	issues and events of the CW focusing on GA's role (slavery, states' rights, nullification, Comp. of 1850, Dred Scott, Lincoln's election, blockade, Emancipation Proclamation, Chickamauga, Sherman's March, Andersonville, 13th,14th,15th Amendments Unit 5 Test 11/16		
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		17	Unit 6 Building a New South:		
		18	Reconstruction Plans, Freedmen's Bureau, sharecropping, Bourbon Triumvirate, Grady, Cotton Expo, Watson, Jim Crow laws, 1906 race riots, Plessy v. Ferguson, Washington, DuBois, Alonzo Herndon, Leo Frank, removal of AA-General Assem. Unit 6 Test 12/19		
* Midterms will be given the week of Dec. 17th-21st.					
Spring Semester	Jan	19	3rd 9 Weeks	Unit 7 Early 20th Century/WWI-WWII:	
		20		Georgia's contributions to both WWI and WWII, boll weevil, drought, Great Depression, Eugene Talmadge's opposition to New Deal, FDR's ties to Warm Springs, New Deal (AAA, REA, SSA, CCC), Lend-lease, Pearl Harbor, Bel Unit 7 Test 2/8	
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		22		Unit 8 Post WWII/Civil Rights:	
	Feb	23		Technology in agriculture, development of Atlanta with Hartsfield and Allen, end of White Primary and 1946 governors race, Brown v. Board of Ed., 1956 flag, Sibley Commission, prominent Georgians in the Civil Rights Movement, SNCC, SCLC, MLK, John Lewis, Albany Movement, March on Washington, 1964 Civil Rights Act, Lester Maddox Unit 8 Test 2/27	
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	Mar	26		Unit 9 Georgia enters the 21st Century:	
		27		Maynard Jackson, Andrew Young, Jimmy Carter, 1996 Olympics, tourism, Savannah port expansion, film industry transportation systems, entrepreneurs, agriculture, entertainment, manufacturing, service industries Unit 9 Test: 3/15	
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		29	Unit 10 State and Local Government:		
		30	the role of legislative, executive, and judicial branches in GA state government, role of local governments, forms of city government, court system and its treatment of juvenile offenders, rights and responsibilities of GA's citizens Unit 10 Test 4/13		
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	Apr	32	Standardized Testing Review and Administration		
		33	We will review each unit briefly to prepare for the Milestones testing. Schedules will be altered to meet testing needs.		
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		35	Social Studies culminating projects, recapping the enduring understandings, Tour of Georgia EVHS Bartow History Scholars program focusing on Bartow's rich history		
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MAY	FINALS	* Final exams will be given the last week of school.			
FINAL EXAMS WEEK					