

Tennessee
7th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
WORLD HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY:
THE MIDDLE AGES TO THE EXPLORATION
OF THE AMERICAS
2018-2019 Pacing Guide

Unit	Standards	Major Topics/Concepts
The Islamic World	7.3 7.8 7.4 7.9 7.5 7.10 7.6 7.11 7.7 7.12	Geography of the Arabian Peninsula Expansion of Muslim rule Origins of Islam Islam’s connections to Christianity and Judaism Significance of the Qur’an and Sunnah Sunnis and Shi’ites/Importance of Islamic sects Contributions of Islamic scholars Analysis of Islamic architecture Importance of Mehmed II and Suleiman the Magnificent
African Civilizations	7.13 7.16 7.14 7.17 7.15 7.18	Growth of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai kingdoms Importance of trade in West Africa Impact of the trans-Saharan caravan Importance of written and oral traditions in West Africa Importance of labor and commerce in West Africa Mansa Musa and his pilgrimage to Mecca Comparing indigenous African religions to Islam
Chinese Civilizations	7.19 7.23 7.20 7.24 7.21 7.25 7.22 7.26	Geography of China Reunification of China Spread of Buddhism Role of Confucianism in society Social developments of the Song Dynasty Technological advancements of the Tang Dynasty Spread of Chinese technology to Europe and Africa Mongol conquest of China Genghis Khan and Kublai Khan Development of the scholar-official class Contributions of the Ming Dynasty
1st Cumulative Benchmark (covering all content to this point)		
Japanese Civilizations	7.27 7.30 7.28 7.31 7.29	Comparing Shinto and Buddhism Influence of China and Korea on Japanese culture Emergence of the Japanese nation Adoption of Confucianism and Chinese writing system Nara and Heian periods Heian literature and <i>The Tale of Genji</i> Role of shogun and samurai Rise of military society
The Fall of the Roman Empire	7.1 7.2	Legacy of the Roman Empire Consequences of the fall of the Roman Empire Creation of the Byzantine Empire The rule of Justinian Significance of Constantinople

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The Middle Ages in Western Europe	7.32 7.33 7.34 7.35 7.36 7.37	7.38 7.39 7.40 7.41 7.42	European geography Development and impact of feudalism Relationships between monarchies and the Papacy Norman Invasion and the Battle of Hastings Reign of William the Conqueror Spread of Christianity in Europe Causes and effects of the European Crusades Role of the Catholic Church as a political institution Monastic promotion of education Concept of Natural Law Spread and impact of the Bubonic Plague Emergence of the modern economy Decline of Muslim rule in the Iberian Peninsula
2nd Cumulative Benchmark (covering all content to this point)			
The European Renaissance	7.43 7.44 7.45	7.46 7.47 7.48	Emergence of the Renaissance Influence of Moorish scholars in Spain Importance of Florence and the Medici Family Growth of independent trading cities Impact of the reopening of the Silk Road Humanism and renewed interest in the arts Advances in literature, arts, science, mathematics, etc. Achievements of da Vinci, Michelangelo, Gutenberg, etc.
The Reformation	7.49 7.50 7.51 7.52 7.53	7.54 7.55 7.56 7.57 7.58	Henry V/Hundred Years' War/Joan of Arc Impact of missionaries in Europe and the world Regionalization of Catholicism and Protestantism Increased influence of the Catholic Church Internal turmoil and weakening of the Catholic Church Martin Luther and issues with the Catholic Church Impact of the Catholic Counter-Reformation Voyages of da Gama, Dias, and Magellan Changing worldview in Europe
The Scientific Revolution	7.59	7.60	Christian and Muslim influences Significance of new scientific theories Accomplishments of Copernicus, Galileo, Newton, etc. New inventions
The Enlightenment	7.61 7.62	7.63	Connections to past eras Accomplishments of Enlightenment thinkers John Locke and Charles-Louis Montesquieu Capitalism and mercantilism Increase in international trade Influence of explorers and mapmakers
The Age of Exploration	7.64 7.65 7.66 7.67 7.68 7.69	7.70 7.71 7.72 7.73 7.74 7.75	Location of Olmecs, Mayans, Aztec, and Incas Geography of Central and South America Social structures of the Mayans, Aztec, and Incas Central and South America before European arrival Nations that participated in European exploration Locations of European exploration Motivation of European exploration Impact of trade on Europe and the Americas
Final Comprehensive Benchmark (covering all content)			

