

Grade 7

<p>General Outcome 7.1 Toward Confederation</p>	<p>General Outcome 7.2 Following Confederation: Canadian Expansions</p>
<p>Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the distinct roles of, and the relationships among, the Aboriginal, French and British peoples in forging the foundations of Canadian Confederation.</p>	<p>Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how the political, demographic, economic and social changes that have occurred since Confederation have presented challenges and opportunities for individuals and communities.</p>
<p>Local and Current Affairs</p>	
<p>In order to allow opportunities for students to engage in current affairs, issues and concerns of a local nature, the program of studies provides the flexibility to include these topics within the time allotted for social studies.</p>	

Grade 7 provides a comprehensive examination of Canadian history preceding and following Confederation. The concept of intercultural contact is introduced through an examination of migration and immigration. Grade 7 forms the foundation for the continued dialogue on citizenship and identity in Canada.

Grade 8

<p>General Outcome 8.1 From Isolation to Adaptation: Japan</p>	<p>General Outcome 8.2 Origins of a Western Worldview: Renaissance Europe</p>	<p>General Outcome 8.3 Worldviews in Conflict: The Spanish and the Aztecs</p>
<p>Through an examination of Japan, students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the ways in which beliefs, values and knowledge shape worldviews and contribute to a society's isolation or adaptation.</p>	<p>Through an examination of Renaissance Europe, students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how the exchange of ideas and knowledge contributed to shaping the worldview of the Western world.</p>	<p>Through an examination of Spanish and Aztec societies, students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how intercultural contact affects the worldviews of societies.</p>
<p>Local and Current Affairs</p>		
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Grade 8 expands on the concept of intercultural contact and continues to develop historical thinking skills through an examination of past societies in different parts of the world.

Grade 9

General Outcome 9.1 Issues for Canadians: Governance and Rights	General Outcome 9.2 Issues for Canadians: Economic Systems in Canada and the United States
Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how Canada's political processes impact citizenship and identity in an attempt to meet the needs of all Canadians.	Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how economic decision making in Canada and the United States impacts quality of life, citizenship and identity.
Local and Current Affairs	
In order to allow opportunities for students to engage in current affairs, issues and concerns of a local nature, the program of studies provides the flexibility to include these topics within the time allotted for social studies.	

Grade 9 focuses on citizenship, identity and quality of life and how they are impacted by political and legislative processes in Canada. The role of economic systems in Canada and the United States will also be examined.