

Bigfork Middle School  
Scope and Sequence  
7th grade Social Studies

**Unit 1: Introduction to Historical Study**

*Essential Question:* How does studying history help us understand the present and shape the future?

*Section 1: Understanding the Importance of History*

- Defining history and its role in understanding the present and shaping the future.

*Section 2: Basics of Geography*

- Understanding the use of maps, globes, and geographic tools.

*Section 3: Primary and Secondary Sources*

- Differentiating between primary and secondary sources.
- Learning how to analyze and interpret primary sources, such as documents, artifacts, and visuals.

**Unit 2: The Renaissance and Early Modern Europe (1450-1700)**

*Essential Question:* How did the Renaissance and early modern developments shape the course of history?

- The Renaissance: Humanism, art and culture, scientific advancements. Historical figures: Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Copernicus.

**Unit 3: Age of Exploration (1500-1600)**

*Essential Question:* What were the motivations and consequences of global exploration?

- Exploration motivations and key explorers: Columbus, Magellan, Vasco da Gama.
- Impact on trade, colonization, and global interactions.

#### **Unit 4: Age of Imperialism (1800-1914)**

*Essential Question:* How did imperialism impact global power dynamics and the societies involved?

- European expansion in Africa and Asia.
- Economic, political, and social impacts on colonized regions.
- Analyzing the motivations and consequences of imperialism.

#### **Unit 5: Enlightenment and Revolution (1600-1800)**

*Essential Question:* How did the Enlightenment ideas contribute to revolutions and changes in governance?

- The Enlightenment: Ideas and thinkers like John Locke, Voltaire, Montesquieu. Spread of Enlightenment ideas and impact on governance.
- Age of Revolutions: American Revolution, French Revolution, Latin American Independence. Examination of causes, events, and consequences.

#### **Unit 6: Industrialization (1800-1914)**

*Essential Question:* What were the social, economic, and technological impacts of the Industrial Revolution?

- Industrial Revolution: Technological advancements, social changes, and economic impacts. Working conditions and labor movements.

#### **Unit 7: World War I and the Interwar Period (1914-1945)**

*Essential Question:* How did World War I and the interwar years shape the 20th century?

##### *Section 1: World War I (1914-1918)*

- Causes of the war, major battles, and consequences.
- Treaty of Versailles and its impact on the post-war world.

##### *Section 2: Interwar Period (1919-1939)*

- Political, economic, and social developments in the aftermath of World War I.
- Rise of totalitarian regimes, the League of Nations, and the Great Depression.

## **Unit 8: World War II and the Holocaust (1939-1945)**

*Essential Question:* How did World War II and the Holocaust impact global politics and human rights?

### *Section 1: World War II (1939-1945)*

- Causes and major events of World War II.
- Key battles, strategies, and the impact on global geopolitics.

### *Section 2: The Holocaust*

- The rise of Nazi ideology and persecution of minority groups.
- Systematic genocide, concentration camps, and the aftermath.

## **Unit 9: Cold War (1945-1991) and Decolonization**

\*If time allows.

*Essential Question:* How did the Cold War and decolonization shape the post-World War II world?

- Cold War: Origins, key events, and the Cuban Missile Crisis. Proxy wars and the space race.
- Decolonization: Independence movements in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Impact on global geopolitics.

## **Unit 10: Contemporary Global Issues (1991-Present)**

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*Essential Question:* What are the challenges and opportunities in the contemporary global landscape?

- Post-Cold War Era: Collapse of the Soviet Union, globalization, and technological advancements. Rise of terrorism and the War on Terror.
- 21st Century Challenges: Climate change, global health issues, economic disparities. Current geopolitical events and their implications.