

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### What Are They?

### Social Studies Definition

☞ Social Studies is the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civic competence.

### Goals of Social Studies

- ☞ Promote Civic Competency
  - ☞ Promote Human Experiences
  - ☞ Develop Citizenship
- ☞ Preparation for Democracy

### Disciplines

- ☞ History
- ☞ Sociology
- ☞ Geography
- ☞ Economics
- ☞ Anthropology
- ☞ Political Science
- ☞ Psychology



### 10 Thematic Strands



- ☞ Culture
- ☞ Time, Continuity, and Change
- ☞ People, Places, and Environment

### More Strands

- ☞ Individual Development and Identity
- ☞ Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
- ☞ Power, Authority, and Governance
- ☞ Production, Distribution, and Consumption



## Thematic Strands continued...



- Science, Technology, and Society
- Global Connections
- Civic Ideals and Practices

## **The World of Social Studies**

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In conclusion, the world of social studies is not just the memorization of facts it is an explanation of a child's grandparents' way of life, the comparison between American and Japanese lifestyles, and a discussion of the effects of computer games on teenagers!