**Laurens County Schools 6th Grade Social Studies Curriculum Map**

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**Unit 1: Connecting Theme** -Conflict and Change -Culture -Gain from Trade -Governance -Human Environmental Interaction -Location -Movement/Migration -Production, Distribution, Consumption -Scarcity -Time, Change, Continuity

**Unit 2: Europe: Geography and Economics – Making the Connection** -Location of select countries and physical features in Europe -Environmental Issues \*Acid Rain (Germany) \*Air Pollution (United Kingdom) \*Nuclear Disaster (Chernobyl, Ukraine) -Location, physical features, and natural resources impact trade and population distribution -Voluntary trade benefits buyers and sellers -How specialization encourages trade -Types of trade barriers -International trade requires a system for exchanging currencies -European Union Literacy rates affect the standard of living -Relationship between investment in human capital, capital goods, natural resources, entrepreneurship and GDP (United Kingdom, Germany, Russia) (SS6G7, SS6G8, SS6G9, SS6E8, SS6E9)

**Unit 3**: **Europe: Past Shapes the Present** -Cultural characteristics \*Diversity of languages \*Major religions -Post WWI developments Rise of Nazism German Reunification Collapse of Soviet Union -Various forms of government and citizen participation (United Kingdom, Germany, Russia) -Forms of democracy – parliamentary and presidential -Compare different economic systems -Mixed economic system -Compare economic systems of United Kingdom, Germany, and Russia (SS6G10, SS6H3, SS6CG3, SS6E7)

**Unit 4: Latin America: Physical and Human Geography** -Location of select countries and physical features in Latin America -Environmental Issues \*Air pollution (Mexico City) \*Destruction of rain forest – Brazil -Location, physical features, and natural resources impact ***population distribution*** (Mexico, Brazil, Cuba) -Influence of African slavery -Influence of Spanish and Portuguese (SS6G1, SS6G2, SS6G3, SSH1 a,b)

**Unit 5: Latin America: Past Shapes the Present** -Cuban Revolution -Current relationship (Cuba and United States) -Various forms of government and citizen participation (Mexico, Cuba, Brazil) -Forms of democracy – parliamentary and presidential -Compare different economic systems -Mixed economic system -Compare economic systems of Mexico, Cuba, Brazil -Types of trade barriers (focus on embargo) (SS6H1c, SS6CG1, SSE1, SS6E2b)

**Unit 6: Modern Latin America -**Impact of poverty, war on drugs, migration to United States -Location, physical features, and natural resources impact ***trade*** (Mexico, Brazil, Cuba) -Voluntary trade benefits buyers and sellers -How specialization encourages trade -Types of trade barriers NAFTA -International trade requires a system for exchanging currencies -Literacy rates affect the standard of living -Relationship between investment in human capital, capital goods, natural resources, entrepreneurship and GDP (Mexico, Cuba, Brazil) (SS6H1d, SS6G3, SS6E2, SS6E3)

**Unit 7: Impact of Canada’s Geography** -Location of Canada, Quebec, and physical features on a world and regional political-physical map -Environmental Issues \*Pollution and acid rain-Great Lakes \*Extraction of natural resources – Canadian Shield -Location, physical features, and natural resources impact population distribution and trade -Voluntary trade benefits buyers and sellers -How specialization encourages trade -Types of trade barriers International trade requires a system for exchanging currencies -NAFTA -Role of natural resources in Canada’s economy (SSG4, SS6G5, SS6G6, SS6E5, SS6E6d)

**Unit 8: Canada Today** -Quebec’s independence movement -Citizen participation in selecting leader (parliamentary democracy) -Analyze different economic systems and their location on a continuum -Economic system in Canada -Literacy rates affect the standard of living -Relationship between investment in human capital, capital goods, entrepreneurship and GDP (Canada) (SS6H2, SS6CG2, SS6E4, SS6E6a,b,c,e)

**Unit 9: Impact of Australia’s Geography** -Location of Australia and physical features on a world and regional political-physical map -Location, physical features, and natural resources impact population distribution and trade -Analyze different economic systems and their location on a continuum -Mixed economic system Economic system in Australia -Voluntary trade benefits buyers and sellers -How specialization encourages trade Types of trade barriers -International trade requires a system for exchanging currencies -Role of natural resources in Australia’s economy (SS6G11, SS6G12, SS6E10, SS6E11, SS6E12d)

**Unit 10: Australia Today -I**mpact of English colonization on Aborigines -Citizen participation in selecting leader (parliamentary democracy) -Literacy rates affect the standard of living -Relationship between investment in human capital, capital goods, entrepreneurship and GDP (Australia) (SS6H4, SS6CG4, SS6E12a,b,c,e)

**Unit 11: Your Financial Future -**Basic principles of effective personal money management -How to live within one’s income -Income is received from work and is limited. -Budget is a tool to plan the spending and saving of income. -Reasons and benefits of saving Uses and costs of credit -Uses and costs of credit (SS6E13)