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**Laurens County Schools 8th Grade Social Studies Curriculum Map**



**Unit 1: Connecting Themes** Beliefs and Ideals - Conflict & Change - Conflict Resolution - Distribution of Power - Individuals, Groups & Institutions – Location - Movement/Migration - Production, Distribution & Consumption - Rule of Law - Technological Innovation)

**Unit 2: Geography of Georgia and the American Indians** Characteristics of the American Indians in GA - Location of Georgia - Impact of Georgia’s geography and climate on development - Georgia’s geographic regions and features SS8G1a, b, c SS8H1a

**Unit 3: Exploration and Colonization** Importance of water in Georgia’s historical development and economic growth - Reasons for European exploration and settlement - Impact of Spanish contact on American Indians - Roles of important individuals in Georgia’s beginnings - Roles of diverse cultures on the development of Georgia - Georgia’s transformation from a Trustee Colony to a Royal Colony SS8G1d, SS8H1b & c, SS8H2

**Unit 4: Statehood** Causes of American Revolution and impact on Georgia - Georgia’s role in the American Revolution - Interpretation of the Declaration of Independence - Weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation and how it led to the new Constitution - Influential people of the era - Reasons for establishment of University of Georgia and the movement of Georgia’s capitals- Expansion of Georgia/Land Policies/Trail of Tears - Technological developments and the impact on the growth of Georgia - Incentives for entrepreneurs SS8H3, SS8H4, SS8E2a & c

**Unit 5: The Civil War** Various forms of legislation impacted civil unrest - Significant events of the Civil War - Influential people of the time period - Significant events and legislative action during Reconstruction - Groups that affected Reconstruction - Significance of technological advancement impact on Georgia SS8H5, SS8H6, SS8E2c

**Unit 6: The New South** Conflict of political ideals between significant groups - Political and societal segregation of races - Significant people and their contributions to develop an industrialized Georgia - Influential Civil Rights leaders - SS8H7, SS8E2c

**Unit 7: The 20th Century** Reasons for WWI and Georgia’s contributions - The Great Depression - New Deal influence on government - Political figures significance to this era - Key events leading to WWII - Impact of bases and industry related to WWII SS8H8, SS8H9

**Unit 8: Post WWII Georgia** Impact of technology in agricultural - Impact of significant figures on growth of Georgia – Impact of political and social changes of Atlanta –Post WWII racial politics -Impact of major transportation systems impact Georgia globally - Influence of entrepreneurs to Georgia’s economy - Impact of changes in Georgia’s agriculture and technology SS8H10, SS8E1a, SS8E2b & c

**Unit 9: Civil Rights** Impact of major developments in Civil Rights from the 1940’s-1950’s - Impact of major developments in Civil Rights from the 1960’s-1970’s - Impact of significant individuals and organizations during this era SS8H11

**Unit 10: Modern Georgia** Key influential people and their impact on Georgia - Significance of Jimmy Carter in state and national politics - Impact of the 1996 Olympics - Impact of Georgia’s role to global economics - Impact of the four transportation systems to Georgia’s economySS8H12, SS8E1

**Unit 11: State and Local** Structure and function of state and local governments - Roles and responsibilities of citizens with regards to state and local government –Differentiate between civil and criminal law –Structure and function of the courts SS8CG1, SS8CG2, SS8CG3, SS8CG4, SS8CG6

**Unit 12: Adult and Juvenile System -**Differentiate between delinquent and unruly behavior **-**Rights of juveniles in the justice system -Juvenile justice process SS8CG5

**Unit 13: Personal Finance** Importance of personal financial management - Understanding different components of personal financial management SS8E3

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