

GRACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
Curriculum Development
COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course: Social Studies/History

Grade: Three

Philosophy Statement: God, the Creator and absolute Sovereign of the universe, rules in the affairs of mankind according to His perfect will, for His divine purposes, and ultimately for His eternal glory. History is accordingly the sum total of human events, individual and collective, in all societies, primitive to advanced, as providentially directed by and acted upon by this divine Sovereign. Our study of and instruction in History will carefully examine all major civilizations and significant historical events to the end of leading our students to recognize God's incredible wisdom in superintending the events of the ages, and simultaneously to explore man's relationship to his Creator and to one another as mankind either allies with God for his own successes, or strives against God, for his ultimate failure and destruction.

Course Objective: Students will develop history and geography skills which include sequencing events, working with maps and a globe, using cardinal directions, tables, graphs, charts, and diagrams. They will discover and identify the value of American citizenship and heritage through the study of Westward expansion after the American Revolution.

Textbook: Heritage Studies 3: Bob Jones University Press

Materials:

- Student notebook.
- Library trade books.
- Maps and More charts.
- U.S. and world maps.
- World globe.
- Supplemental worksheets.

Time Allotment: 35 minutes, 4 days per week, one semester.

Course Content:

- Unit One: Bodies of water, topographical regions, Lewis and Clark Expedition.
- Unit Two: Pioneers, War of 1812, National Anthem, people and trails going west.
- Unit Three: Geographical regions of the United States.
- Unit Four: National holidays.
- Unit Five: Railroads.
- Unit Six: Homesteading, cattle drives, outlaws, Native Americans, U.S. Cavalry.

Areas to be evaluated:

- Tests.
- Daily worksheets.
- Physical map models.

Additional Activities:

- Videos.
- Guest speakers on surveying, Mountain Men, Native Americans.
- Various field trips related to the course of study.