

Grade 3 Civics, Government, and Human Rights

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s):
Time Period: **Marking Period 1**
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Course Pacing Guide

Unit	MP/Trimester	Weeks
Civics	1	4
History	2	4
Geography	3	4
Economics	4	4

Unit Overview

Overview: In this unit, students will learn about the role of a citizen in a representative democracy. They will understand the fundamental rights and responsibilities that accompany U.S. citizenship and learn that the actions of individuals and groups contribute to social change. Students will also understand the importance of collaboration between people of diverse cultures when developing and implementing solutions to local, state, and national challenges.

Enduring Understandings

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- Rules and laws at all governmental levels are created to protect rights, resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.
- The U.S. Constitution is a living document that contributes to the continuation and improvement of American democracy.
- The role of citizens in a representative democracy.
- The role of individuals and groups, past and present, in serving as catalysts for social change and rectifying violations of fundamental rights.
- The importance of collaboration between people from diverse cultures in identifying solutions to community, state, national, and global challenges.

Essential Questions

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- Why are rules and laws important?
- How does the U.S. Constitution define the rights of citizens in the American democracy?
- How do people such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. serve as catalysts for social change and contribute to American society?
- How do people from diverse cultures collaborate and contribute to a constantly changing American democracy?

New Jersey Student Learning Standards (No CCS)

Standard Statement: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

Content Statements

- Rules and laws are developed to protect people's rights and the security and welfare of society.
- The United States Constitution and Bill of Rights guarantee certain fundamental rights for citizens.
- In a representative democracy, individuals elect representatives to act on the behalf of the people
- The examination of individual experiences, historical narratives, and events promotes an understanding of individual and community responses to the violation of fundamental rights.
- The United States democratic system requires active participation of its citizens.
- In an interconnected world, it important to consider different cultural perspectives before proposing solutions to local, state, national, and global challenges.
- The ability to recognize a problem and apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to solve the problem is a lifelong skill that develops over time.
- Brainstorming activities enhance creative and innovative thinking in individual and group goal setting and problem solving.
- Collaboration and teamwork enable individuals or groups to achieve common goals with greater efficiency.
- Effective communication skills convey intended meaning to others and assist in preventing misunderstandings.
- Communication with people from different cultural backgrounds is enhanced by the understanding of different cultural perspectives.
- Digital media are 21st-century tools used for local and global communication.
- Technological advancements create societal concerns regarding the practice of safe, legal, and ethical behaviors.
- The nature of the 21st-century workplace has shifted, demanding greater individual accountability, productivity, and collaboration

Amistad Integration

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Purpose:

The Amistad Commission ensures that the Department of Education and public schools of New Jersey implement materials and texts which integrate the history and contributions of African-Americans and the descendants of the African Diaspora.

Goals:

- 1) To infuse the history of Africans and African-Americans into the curriculum in order to provide an accurate, complete and inclusive history.
- 2) To ensure that New Jersey teachers are equipped to effectively teach the revised social studies core curriculum content standards.
- 3) To create and coordinate workshops, seminars, institutes, memorials and events which raise public awareness about the importance of the history of African-Americans to the growth and development of American society in global context.

Holocaust/Genocide Education

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RE: N.J.S.A. 18A:35-28, Holocaust/Genocide Education

- a.** Every board of education shall include instruction on the Holocaust and genocides in an appropriate place in the curriculum of all elementary and secondary school pupils.
- b.** The instruction shall enable pupils to identify and analyze applicable theories concerning human nature and behavior: to understand that genocide is a consequence of prejudice and discrimination: and to understand that issues of moral dilemma and conscience have a profound impact on life. The instruction shall further emphasize the personal responsibility that each citizen bears to fight racism and hatred whenever and wherever it happens.

Interdisciplinary Connections

- CRP2: Apply appropriate academic and technical skills
- CRP4: Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP6: Demonstrate creativity and innovation

- CRP7: Employ valid and reliable research strategies

LA.3.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.3	Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.
LA.3.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.7	Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).
LA.3.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.9	Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.
LA.3.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.7	Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words.
LA.3.CCSS.ELA-Literacy.CCRA.R.8	Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, including the validity of the reasoning as well as the relevance and sufficiency of the evidence.

Technology Standards

TECH.8.1.5	Educational Technology: All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
TECH.8.1.5.A	Technology Operations and Concepts: Students demonstrate a sound understanding of technology concepts, systems and operations.
TECH.8.1.5.C	Communication and Collaboration: Students use digital media and environments to communicate and work collaboratively, including at a distance, to support individual learning and contribute to the learning of others.

21st Century Themes/Careers

21st Century Skills/Themes:

Core Social Studies Skills:

- Chronological Thinking:
 - Place key historical events and people in historical eras using timelines
 - Explain how the present is connected to the past
- Spatial Thinking: Use thematic maps and other geographic representations to obtain, describe, and compare information about people and places
- Critical Thinking: Identify and use a variety of primary and secondary sources for reconstructing the past
- Presentation Skills

Instructional Strategies & Learning Activities

Students will be able to

- Define an effective rule
- Understand the impact of effective rules and laws on a community
- Understand that American citizens have fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights
- Recognize the contributions of groups and individuals such as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as catalysts for activism to change social inequalities
- Analyze the contributions of diverse cultures to the common identity in American society

6.1.4.A.1	Explain how rules and laws created by community, state, and national governments protect the rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good.
6.1.4.A.2	Explain how fundamental rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights (i.e., freedom of expression, freedom of religion, the right to vote, and the right to due process) contribute to the continuation and improvement of American democracy.
6.1.4.A.7	Explain how the United States functions as a representative democracy, and describe the roles of elected representatives and how they interact with citizens at local, state, and national levels.
6.1.4.A.9	Compare and contrast responses of individuals and groups, past and present, to violations of fundamental rights (e.g., fairness, civil rights, human rights).
6.1.4.A.10	Describe how the actions of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other civil rights leaders served as catalysts for social change and inspired social activism in subsequent generations.
6.1.4.A.11	Explain how the fundamental rights of the individual and the common good of the country depend upon all citizens exercising their civic responsibilities at the community, state, national, and global levels.
6.1.4.A.12	Explain the process of creating change at the local, state, or national level.
6.1.4.A.15	Explain how and why it is important that people from diverse cultures collaborate to find solutions to community, state, national, and global challenges.
8.1.4.D.1	Explain the need for each individual, as a member of the global community, to practice cyber safety, cyber security, and cyber ethics when using existing and emerging technologies.
8.1.4.D.3	Explain the purpose of an acceptable use policy and the consequences of inappropriate use of technology.
9.1.4.A.5	Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills in classroom and family settings.
9.1.4.B.1	Participate in brainstorming sessions to seek information, ideas, and strategies that foster creative thinking.
9.1.4.C.1	Practice collaborative skills in groups, and explain how these skills assist in completing tasks in different settings (at home, in school, and during play).
9.1.4.D.1	Use effective oral and written communication in face-to-face and online interactions

	and when presenting to an audience.
9.1.4.D.2	Express needs, wants, and feelings appropriately in various situations.
9.1.4.D.3	Demonstrate an awareness of one's own culture and other cultures during interactions within and outside of the classroom.
9.1.4.E.2	Demonstrate effective communication using digital media during classroom activities.
9.1.4.F.2	Establish and follow performance goals to guide progress in assigned areas of responsibility and accountability during classroom projects and extra-curricular activities.

Differentiated Instruction

- Curriculum Map
- Inquiry/Problem-Based Learning
- Learning preferences integration (visual, auditory, kinesthetic)
- Sentence & Discussion Stems
- Tiered Learning Targets
- Learning through play
- Meaningful Student Voice & Choice
- Relationship-Building & Team-Building
- Self-Directed Learning
- Choice Boards
- Debate
- LMS use
- Mock Trial
- The Hot Seat/Role-Play
- Student Data Inventories
- Mastery Learning (feedback toward goal)
- Goal-Setting & Learning Contracts
- Game-Based Learning
- Grouping
- Socratic Seminar
- Genius Hour
- Rubrics
- Learning Menus
- Jigsaws
- Learning Through Workstations
- Concept Attainment
- Flipped Classroom
- Mentoring
- Assessment Design & Backwards Planning
- Student Interest & Inventory Data

Formative Assessments

- Create a classroom Bill of Rights
- Research a public figure involved in social change efforts
- Processing Activity in TCI Interactive Notebook

Summative Assessment

- Students' performance on the common assessment will be a significant factor in the determination of report card grades.
- [..\Social Studies Assessments\Grade 3\Grade 3 Performance Assessment- NJ Regions.docx](#)
- [Rubric for Summative Assessment](#)
- [Rubric for Performance Assessment](#)

Benchmark Assessments

Alternate Assessments

Resources & Technology

Equipment/Materials needed:

TCI teacher subscription

TCI student textbooks

TCI student interactive notebooks

Projector

Websites about NJ government (see below under Teacher Resources)

Teacher Resources

TCI Lessons:

Our Community & Beyond Lessons: 6, 7, 12, 13, 14

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/historykids/NJHistoryKids.htm>

http://www.state.nj.us/hangout_nj/government.html

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/kids/index.asp>

<http://www.judiciary.state.nj.us/kids/>

BOE Approved Texts

TCI Student Textbooks

Closure

- Snowstorm - Students write down what they learned on a piece of scratch paper and wad it up. Given a signal, they throw their paper snowballs in the air. Then each learner picks up a nearby response and reads it aloud.
- Parent Hotline - Give students an interesting question about the lesson without further discussion. Email their guardians the answer so that the topic can be discussed over dinner.
- DJ Summary - Learners write what they learned in the form of a favorite song. Offer to let one or two sing thier summary.
- Gallery Walk - On chart paper, small groups of students write and draw what they learned. After the completed works are attached to the classroom walls, others students affix post-its to the posters to extend on the ideas, add questions.
- Sequence It - create timelines of major events discussed
- Low-Stakes Quizzes - Give a short quiz using technologies like Kahoot or a Google form.
- Have students write down three quiz questions (to ask at the beginning of the next class).
- Question Stems - Have students write questions about the lesson on cards, using [question stems framed around Bloom's Taxonomy](#). Have students exchange cards and answer the question they have acquired.

- Kids answer the following prompts: "What takeaways from the lesson will be important to know three years from now? Why?"
- Have students dramatize a real-life application of a skill.
- Ask a question. Give students ten seconds to confer with peers before you call on a random student to answer. Repeat.
- Have kids orally describe a concept, procedure, or skill in terms so simple that a child in first grade would get it.
- Direct kids to raise their hands if they can answer your questions. Classmates agree (thumbs up) or disagree (thumbs down) with the response.
- Have kids create a cheat sheet of information that would be useful for a quiz on the day's topic.
- Kids write notes to peers describing what they learned from them during class discussions.
- Ask students to summarize the main idea in under 60 seconds to another student acting as a well-known personality who works in your discipline. After summarizing, students should identify why the famous person might find the idea significant.
- Have students complete the following sentence: "The [concept, skill, word] is like _____ because _____."
- Ask students to write what they learned, and any lingering questions on an "exit ticket". Before they leave class, have them put their exit tickets in a folder or bin labeled either "Got It," "More Practice, Please," or "I Need Some Help!"
- After writing down the learning outcome, ask students to take a card, circle one of the following options, and return the card to you before they leave: "Stop (I'm totally confused. Go (I'm ready to move on.)" or "Proceed with caution (I could use some clarification on . . .)"

ELL

- Alternate Responses
- Advance Notes
- Extended Time
- Teacher Modeling
- Simplified Written and Verbal Instructions
- Frequent Breaks
- E-Dictionaries
- Google Translate

Special Education

- Shorten assignments to focus on mastery of key concepts.
- Shorten spelling tests to focus on mastering the most functional words.
- Substitute alternatives for written assignments (clay models, posters, panoramas, collections, etc.)
- Specify and list exactly what the student will need to learn to pass.
- Evaluate the classroom structure against the student's needs (flexible structure, firm limits, etc.).
- Keep workspaces clear of unrelated materials.
- Keep the classroom quiet during intense learning times.
- Reduce visual distractions in the classroom (mobiles, etc.).
- Provide a computer for written work.
- Seat the student close to the teacher or a positive role model.
- Use a study carrel. (Provide extras so that the student is not singled out.)
- Provide an unobstructed view of the chalkboard, teacher, movie screen, etc.
- Keep extra supplies of classroom materials (pencils, books) on hand.
- Maintain adequate space between desks.
- Give directions in small steps and in as few words as possible.
- Number and sequence the steps in a task.
- Have student repeat the directions for a task.
- Provide visual aids.
- Go over directions orally.
- Provide a vocabulary list with definitions.
- Permit as much time as needed to finish tests.
- Allow tests to be taken in a room with few distractions (e.g., the library).
- Have test materials read to the student, and allow oral responses.
- Divide tests into small sections of similar questions or problems.
- Allow the student to complete an independent project as an alternative test.
- Give progress reports instead of grades.
- Grade spelling separately from content.
- Allow take-home or open-book tests.
- Show a model of the end product of directions (e.g., a completed math problem or finished quiz).
- Stand near the student when giving directions or presenting a lesson.
- Mark the correct answers rather than the incorrect ones.
- Permit a student to rework missed problems for a better grade.
- Average grades out when assignments are reworked, or grade on corrected work.
- Use a pass-fail or an alternative grading system when the student is assessed on his or her own growth.

- preferential seating
- extended time on tests and assignments
- reduced homework or classwork
- verbal, visual, or technology aids
- modified textbooks or audio-video materials

- behavior management support
- adjusted class schedules or grading
- verbal testing
- excused lateness, absence, or missed classwork
- pre-approved nurse's office visits and accompaniment to visits
- occupational or physical therapy

At Risk

- Use of mnemonics
- Have student restate information
- Provision of notes or outlines
- Concrete examples
- Use of a study carrel
- Assistance in maintaining uncluttered space
- Weekly home-school communication tools (notebook, daily log, phone calls or email messages)
- Peer or scribe note-taking
- Lab and math sheets with highlighted instructions
- Graph paper to assist in organizing or lining up math problems
- Use of manipulatives
- No penalty for spelling errors or sloppy handwriting
- Follow a routine/schedule
- Teach time management skills
- Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
- Adjusted assignment timelines
- Visual daily schedule
- Immediate feedback
- Work-in-progress check
- Pace long-term projects
- Preview test procedures
- Film or video supplements in place of reading text
- Pass/no pass option
- Cue/model expected behavior
- Use de-escalating strategies
- Use peer supports and mentoring
- Have parent sign homework/behavior chart
- Chart progress and maintain data

Gifted and Talented

Focus on effort and practice

Offer the Most Difficult First

Offer choice

Speak to Student Interests

Allow G/T students to work together

Encourage risk taking