

Unit 2: The Importance of Studying the Future and Futurologist Impact

Content Area: **Social Studies**
Course(s): **Futurology**
Time Period: **1 marking period**
Length: **2 Weeks**
Status: **Published**

Unit Overview

Students will be able to investigate the impact of studying the future and comprehend the impact of futurologist

Transfer

Students will be able to identify the impact of technology and recognize the qualities of a futurologist

For more information, read the following article by Grant Wiggins.

http://www.authenticeducation.org/ae_bigideas/article.lasso?artid=60

Meaning

Understandings

Students will understand that...

- We must study the future to evolve

- Understanding the past helps pave the way of the future
- Decisions made today both actively or passively directly impact the future
- We all have roles as futurologist and many people don't even know that they are futurologist

Essential Questions

Students will keep considering...

- Why the present affects the future
- Why the study of the future is essential for progress

Application of Knowledge and Skill

Students will know...

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- the different reasons we study the future
- the impact of present day decisions in regards to the future
- how different people function as futurologist

Students will be skilled at...

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- analyzing different reasons we study the future
- recognizing what occupations serve as futurologist
- compare and contrasting the different ways we impact the future through action or inaction
- analyze how we currently impact the future
- determining how they will actively control their own future

Academic Vocabulary

Trends, Futurologist, Inaction, Adaptation

Target 2

Determine the importance of knowing the impact of present decisions on future outcomes

LA.K-12.NJSLSA.R1	Read closely to determine what the text says explicitly and to make logical inferences and relevant connections from it; cite specific textual evidence when writing or speaking to support conclusions drawn from the text.
TECH.8.1.12.B.CS1	Apply existing knowledge to generate new ideas, products, or processes.
TECH.8.1.12.D.CS2	Demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning.
WORK.9-12.9.1.12.A.1	Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies during structured learning experiences.

Target 1

Determine how our lives will be impacted by futurologists

SOC.6.1.12.A.16.a	Examine the impact of media and technology on political and social issues in a global society.
SOC.6.2.12	World History/Global Studies: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically and systematically about how past interactions of people, cultures, and the environment affect issues across time and cultures. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions as socially and ethically responsible.
WORK.9-12.9.1.12.2	Critical thinking and problem solving in the 21st century are enhanced by the ability to work in cross-cultural teams in face-to-face and virtual environments.
WORK.9-12.9.1.12.A.1	Apply critical thinking and problem-solving strategies during structured learning experiences.

Summative Assessment

All assessments are differentiated and aligned to the social studies standards and curriculum.

Alternate assessments may include problem based learning, projects or presentations, or a common paper/pencil assessment or combination of any of these.

Common summative assessments will be devised by the teachers teaching this course during a common planning time.

21st Century Life and Careers

CRP.K-12.CRP2	Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
CRP.K-12.CRP4	Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason.
CRP.K-12.CRP6	Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
CRP.K-12.CRP8	Utilize critical thinking to make sense of problems and persevere in solving them.

Formative Assessment and Performance Opportunities

Do Nows

Teacher observation

Q and A

Cooperative learning opportunities

Surveys

Guided notes

Benchmark

Accommodations/Modifications

Enrichment opportunities: extra credit for those who choose to do outside the classroom work

Differentiation: 504 accommodations and IEP modifications are met as required

All assessments are differentiated and aligned to the Social Studies standards and curriculum. Differentiation can include, but is not limited to:

- Graphic Organizers
- Chunked Readings
- RAFT Activities (Role, Audience, Format, Topic)
- Layered Curriculum/Tiered Assignments
- Academic Games to practice skills and deepen understanding of topics
- Think-Pair-Share Activities
- Stations and Learning Centers

- Utilizing Pre-tests to reteach complex content before summative assessment

- Providing additional resources for independent study (videos, study guides, teacher notes, web-based resources)

Alternate assessments may include, but are not limited to Project Based Learning, projects or presentations, or a common paper/pencil assessment or combination of any of these. Some example alternative assessment can include:

- Compare and Contrast Foldable

- Online Practice Game

- Graphic Organizer

- Perspectives Journal Writing

- Timelines

- Debate

- Play Re-Enactment and Song Analysis

- Research Activity <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/lessons/tinker/procedure.html>

Online Resources:

Text to Speech: Natural Readers - <https://www.naturalreaders.com/>

Content Vocabulary: Academic Word Finder - <http://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/>

Unit Resources

Internet

Power Points

Surveys

Supplemental text/teacher resources

Videos

Student notebook/journal

Interdisciplinary Connections
