



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHARTING THE COURSE

Department of Teaching & Learning
Parent/Student Course Information

Social Studies Grade 6
(SO 2354)
United States History to 1865

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Social Studies 6 focuses on the early beginnings of the United States through the Civil War. The student will have the opportunity to expand on his or her earlier studies of Virginia and American History through in-depth study of the political, economic, social and cultural development of the nation.

The course places special emphasis on history and social science skills, locating and using varied sources of information, communicating ideas effectively, working cooperatively with others and planning and using time efficiently. Thinking skills are developed as students examine historical issues and events to determine the contrasts between eras, evaluate information, identify points of view and recognize bias. Students are encouraged to investigate personalities and topics of personal interest by reading. Fundamental concepts in civics, economics and geography are developed within the context of United States history.

PREREQUISITE

None

OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE

Social Studies 7

MATERIALS

The teacher will use Gale resources, which is a set of online resource databases, as well supplementary materials to teach, extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from daily news, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

**VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING
UNITED STATES HISTORY TO 1865**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for *United States History to 1865* from the Virginia Department of Education website.

[*United States History to 1865*](#)

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