

Third Grade Curriculum Guide for Parents Social Studies

In the grade 3 Social Studies program students learn about communities around the world with emphasis on the diversity of the world's peoples and culture. The five social studies standards form the basis for this investigation as students learn about the social, political, geographic, economic, and historic characteristics of different world communities. This study is accomplished through the comprehensive investigation of the countries focusing on the seven themes of the New York State curriculum:

1. Change/History
2. Geography
3. Economics
4. Politics/Government
5. Culture
6. Interdependence
7. Science/Technology

Students will study a minimum of **two** foreign countries, one of **Western Culture** and one of **Non-Western Culture**.

Below is a list of possible countries your child will study.

| Western | Non-Western | Both Western and Non-Western |
|-----------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Australia | Afghanistan | Democratic Republic of Congo |
| Denmark | Bosnia | Israel |
| England | Cambodia | Kenya |
| Finland | China | Morocco |
| France | Egypt | Nigeria |
| Germany | Ethiopia | Russia |
| Greece | Herzegovina | South Africa |
| Hungary | India | |
| Ireland | Indonesia | |
| Italy | Iran | |

| Western | Non-Western | Both Western and Non-Western |
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| Netherlands | Iraq | |
| New Zealand | Japan | |
| Norway | Malaysia | |
| Poland | Myanmar | |
| Portugal | Pakistan | |
| Scotland | Philippines | |
| Spain | Saudi Arabia | |
| Sweden | Singapore | |
| Ukraine | South Korea | |
| | Sri Lanka | |
| | Thailand | |
| | Turkey | |
| | Vietnam | |
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