

Tennessee 7th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES World History and GeographyThe Middle Ages to the Exploration of the Americas 2025-2026 Pacing Guide

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Unit/Subunits		Standards	Major Topics/Concepts
WH: East Asian Civilizations (400-1500s CE)		1.7.01 1.7.02 1.7.03 1.7.04 1.7.05 1.7.06 1.7.07 1.7.08 1.7.09 1.7.10 1.7.11	Geographical features of East Asia Reunification of China Tang Dynasty/spread of Buddhism Song Dynasty/role of Confucianism Mongol Empire Genghis Khan Kublai Khan/conquest of China Yuan Empire The Silk Road Marco Polo Spread of Chinese technology Eurasian trade Achievements of the Ming Dynasty Isolationism of the Ming Dynasty Forbidden City Great Wall Zheng He Origins and features of Shintoism Development of Japanese culture Constitution of Prince Shotoku Chinese writing system Heian Period Shogun/Samurai
WH: Southwest Asian and North African Civilizations (400-1500s CE)	Byzantine Empire	2.7.12 2.7.13 2.7.14	Development of the Byzantine Empire Diffusion of Christianity Latin language Justinian Political, social, and architectural achievements of Justinian Constantinople Maintenance of European culture
		1 st Cumulati	ive Assessment
	(c	overing all co	ntent to this point)
WH: Southwest Asian and North African Civilizations (400-1500s CE)	Southwest Asia and North Africa	3.7.15 3.7.16 3.7.17 3.7.18 3.7.19 3.7.20	Geographical features of Southwest Asia and North Africa Origins and features of Islam Mohammad Key sacred texts of Islam/The Qur'an/The Sunnah Basic beliefs of Islam/monotheism/Five Pillars Diffusion of Islamic culture/Arabic language Contributions of Islamic scholars Mehmed II the Conqueror Fall of Constantinople Establishment of the Ottoman Empire Trade routes in Asia, Africa, and Europe Roles of merchants

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		Geographical features of West Africa			
		Indigenous African spiritual traditions			
		Ancestor worship			
	4.7.21	Animism			
	4.7.22	Kingdoms of Ghana/Mali/Songhai			
WH: West African Civiliza		Djenne			
(400-1500s CE)	4.7.24	Timbuktu			
	4.7.25	Trans-Saharan caravan			
	4.7.26	Religious and cultural characteristics of West Africa			
		Exchange of salt, gold, and enslaved people			
		Griots/transmission of history and culture			
		Mansa Musa/pilgrimage to Mecca			
		ive Assessment			
(covering all content to this point)					
		Geographical features of Europe			
		Monasteries			
		Spread of the Catholic Church			
		Charlemagne			
		Holy Roman Empire			
		Development of manorialism and feudalism			
		Battle of Hastings			
	5.7.27	William the Conqueror			
	5.7.28	Cooperation/conflict between the Papacy and monarchs			
	5.7.29	Magna Carta/limitations on the powers of the monarchs			
	5.7.30	The Crusades			
	5.7.31	Pope Urban II			
WH. Modioval Europe	5.7.32	Saladin			
WH: Medieval Europe	5.7.33	Richard I			
(400-1500s CE)	5.7.34	Impact of Crusades and various groups			
	5.7.35	Black Death/Bubonic Plague			
	5.7.36	Economic impact of the Black Death			
	5.7.37	Agricultural improvements			
	5.7.38	Growth of banking			
	5.7.39	Growth of the merchant class			
		Technological improvements			
		Hundred Years' War			
		Henry V			
		Joan of Arc			
		Reconquista			
		Inquisition			
		Rise of Spanish and Portuguese kingdoms			
		Impact of the location of the Italian Peninsula			
		Movement of resources/knowledge/culture			
		Italy's trade cities			
	67.40	Florence			
William Modern	6.7.40	Medici Family			
1	he 6.7.41	Humanism/Thomas Aquinas			
	issance 6.7.42	Development of Renaissance art			
(1400-1700s CE)	6.7.43	Leonardo da Vinci			
		Michelangelo			
		William Shakespeare			
		Systems of patronage			
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WH: Early Modern Europe (1400-1700s CE)	The Protestant Reformation	6.7.44 6.7.45 6.7.46 6.7.47 6.7.48 6.7.49	Johannes Gutenberg/printing press William Tyndale/translation of the Bible Growth of literacy/dissemination of knowledge Causes of the Protestant Reformation Catholic Church's taxation policies Selling indulgences Martin Luther's 95 Theses Ideas of the Protestant Reformation Predestination/salvation by faith Henry VIII Mary I Catholic Counter-Reformation St. Ignatius of Loyola Jesuits Council of Trent Tudor dynasty Queen Elizabeth I Rise of England		
	The Scientific Revolution	6.7.50 6.7.51 6.7.52	Heliocentrism/Copernicus Geocentrism Elliptical orbits/Kepler Galileo Galilei Telescope Microscope Sir Francis Bacon Sir Isaac Newton Laws of Motion Scientific theory		
WH: American Civilizations (400-1500s CE)		7.7.53 7.7.54 7.7.55 7.7.56 7.7.57	Geographical features of the Americas Impact of geography on American Indian cultures Characteristics of American Indian cultures American Indian cultures within present-day United States Mayan/Aztec/Incan civilizations Impact of geography and climate on agriculture Social, economic, and political characteristics		
WH: Age of Exploration (1400-1700s CE)		8.7.58 8.7.59 8.7.60 8.7.61 8.7.62 8.7.63 8.7.64 8.7.65	European motivations for exploration Key explorers and their discoveries Prince Henry the Navigator New technologies/cartographic improvements European colonies in the Americas Spanish Conquistadors Defeat of Aztec and Incan empires Religions in the New World Columbian Exchange Spanish colonization Mission system/encomienda system Bartolomé de las Casas Introduction of enslavement		
Final Comprehensive Assessment					
(covering all content)					