

Trinity Lutheran School

Curriculum Framework for: **Social Studies**

✠ **philosophy** ✠

Social Studies is the interaction between God, His People and His created world. Students will use these interactions to explore the disciplines of history, geography, economics, government, psychology, and sociology. Using these disciplines, students will make connections to the past, the present, and the future and acknowledge their role as global, Christian citizens.

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✠ **Broad Goals** ✠

From a Christ-centered perspective, the Student will:

1. *identify basic human needs and see the relationship between cause and effect of human interactions.*
 2. *be able to locate and utilize information from a variety of sources and communicate it effectively.*
 3. *discern fact from opinion to make valid choices as social issues are read and discussed from a Christian perspective.*
 4. *grow in evaluating analytical skills utilizing inquiry as well as concrete and abstract thinking.*
 5. *acknowledge that the past affects the present and the future.*
 6. *develop respect for feelings, rights, opinions and beliefs of divergent groups along with the awareness of cultural bias.*
 7. *understand important historical events to develop an appreciation and understanding of our American democracy its decision making process, and to encourage Christian civic responsibility.*
 8. *compare and contrast different types of government and economic systems.*
- identify physical features, read maps, and discuss the influence of the environment on a culture.*