

**New Paltz Central School District
Social Studies
Fifth Grade**

TIME	CONTENT	SKILLS	ASSESSMENTS
September - October	<p><u>UNIT 1: Geography and Maps</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is geography? • What are the five themes of geography? • What are some different ways of showing the Earth's surface and how do we use them? • What are the advantages and disadvantages of different maps and globes? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use key, compass rose, and scale miles • Use latitude and longitude to locate or name a position • Read physical and political maps • Understand basic projections and map distortions • Create a representation of the Earth's surface 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map skills pretest • Analyze a map in the book atlas • Create models • Geography and Maps unit assessment
November - January	<p><u>UNIT 2: The United States and Canada</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the indigenous peoples of the United States and Canada? • How have historical events affected life in the United States and Canada today? • What factors affect the present relationship between the United States and Canada? • What effects did European rule have on Native Americans? • What are the key turning points and events in the history of Canada and the United States? • What impact has industrial growth had on the United States and Canada? • What are the main physical features of the United States and Canada? • How do the physical environments of the United States and Canada affect the way people live? • What kinds of climate and vegetation do the United States and Canada have and how do they affect how and where people live? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read, create, and compare time lines • Read and interpret diagrams • Write a compare and contrast or cause-effect essay • Read and interpret line graphs and pie charts • Use percent data to create a pie chart • Identify and locate the major land and water forms of the United States and Canada • Understand latitude and longitude on maps of the United States and Canada • Use and discriminate between political and physical maps • Use climate, vegetation, resource, and population distribution maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United States and Canada unit assessment • Essays • Create a timeline of important historical events in the United States and Canada • Chapter quizzes

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February - March	<p><u>UNIT 3: Latin America</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the indigenous peoples of Latin America? • How have historical events affected life in Latin America today? • What factors affect the present relationship between the United States and Latin America? • What effects did European rule have on Native Americans? • What are the key turning points and events in the history of Latin America? • What impact has industrial growth had on Latin America? • What kinds of climate and vegetation does Latin America have and how are the lives of the people affected by them? • How have Latin America’s early civilizations affected present day cultures of Latin America? • How are Latin American nations trying to improve their economies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read, create, and compare time lines • Read and interpret diagrams • Write a compare and contrast or cause-effect essay • Read and interpret line graphs and pie charts • Use percent data to create a pie chart • Identify and locate the major land and water forms of Latin America • Understand latitude and longitude on Latin American maps • Use and discriminate between political and physical maps. • Use climate, vegetation, resource, and population distribution maps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latin America unit assessment • Essays • Create a timeline of important historical events in Latin America • Chapter quizzes
April - May	<p><u>UNIT 4: Government in the Western Hemisphere</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do governmental structures differ within the Western Hemisphere? • How are citizens’ lives affected by different governmental structures? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and interpret graphs and diagrams • Read and interpret historical documents • Use primary sources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government in the Western Hemisphere unit assessment • Graphic organizer comparing the governments of 3 countries in the Western Hemisphere • Comparing United States, Canadian, and Mexican flags • Chapter quizzes

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May - June	<p><u>UNIT 5: Economies of the Western Hemisphere</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the characteristics of a strong economic system? • How does the economy affect the lives of a nation's people? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and interpret line plots and graphs • Read and interpret product maps • Read and interpret charts and graphic organizers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economies of the Western Hemisphere unit assessment • Mexico's Treasures – product map • Good Neighbors and Friends – imports and exports • Chapter quizzes