New Paltz Central School District Social Studies 6th Grade

TIME	CONTENT	SKILLS	ASSESSMENTS
SepteEber	 UNIT 1: The Five Themes of Geography What are the five themes of geography? How are they helpful? Why are they important? 	 Note taking – webbing information Reading textbook for main idea Map reading latitude/longitude identifying continents and oceans 	 Poster – illustrating concept of five themes Quiz – identification and application of five themes
000+0E201 - DocoE200r	 UNIT 2: Africa What is Africa (politically, geographically, culturally)? How does its location affect the economy? Why did civilizations develop here? What historical changes have shaped Africa's development? How has ancient Africa influenced the world? What are Africa's major contributions? What is Africa's legacy? 	 Reading and interpreting graphs Interpreting a question and responding in complete sentences Writing an expository paragraph – including topic sentence, supporting details, concluding sentence Interpreting diagrams (cross- section of Africa) Recognizing cause and effect (natural resources) Reading and interpreting map legends and compass rose Reading and interpreting: Political map Climate map Vegetation map Building vocabulary Cornell note taking (main ideas and supporting details) Locating key places Analyze a political cartoon Read a timeline – BC,AD, decades Summarizing 	 Analyze a quote Evaluate a timeline Postcard project-students link vegetation, climate, and industry Expository paragraph Constructed responses Quizzes Describe an ancient region and its economy

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	 UNIT 3: Europe and Russia What is Europe? Why did civilizations develop here? How does its location affect how people live? What historical changes have shaped Europe's development? How has Europe influenced the world? What are its major contributions? What is its legacy? 	 Using map scale Reading and interpreting: synthesizing information from two or more maps political maps physical map climate map Building vocabulary Understanding time zones Use internet for research Drawing conclusions Analyze primary documents Identify main idea and details in 	 Business plan/proposal based on location Written response – how physical features of Europe and Russia affect where and how people live Create maps Brochure on European country Create time line Written diary entry describing daily feudal life Written paragraph – affect of conflict on quality of life Constructed responses to primary documents and government charts Complete Venn diagram and written piece comparing two forms of government
עמרייו י שמכ0	 UNIT 4: Asia What is Asia? Why did civilizations develop here? How does location affect the economy? What historical changes have shaped Asia's development? How has Asia influenced the world? What are Asia's major contributions? What is Asia's legacy? 	 Drawing conclusions Locating places on a map Building vocabulary Recognizing main idea Compare/contrast Organizing information in a graphic organizer Identifying important concepts Recognizing fact vs. opinion 	 Venn diagram – China and Japan – natural resources Quizzes Notes on folktale and illustration Pamphlets Analyze document (evidence) – three paragraph essay Create an appropriate graphic organizer to record information about a topic Final exam