New Paltz Central School District Social Studies Second Grade

TIME	CONTENT	SKILLS	ASSESSMENTS
Sed tegoer / October	 UNIT 1: Communities What are the main characteristics of urban, rural, and suburban communities? How do the natural resources of a community affect how people live and work? How do people modify their environments to meet their needs and wants? What is citizenship? Why do we need laws? 	 Compare/contrast urban, rural, and suburban communities. Read and create Venn diagrams. Read and create "T" charts. Research/note taking. Read charts, graphs, maps. Interview community members 	 Unit assessment Teacher observation Informal assessment of classroom activities and projects
No>eEper	 <u>UNIT 2: Geography/Using Maps</u> Why do we use maps? What different kinds of maps can we use? How do we use maps? What is a continent? 	 Create a key/legend. Use a key/legend. Use a compass rose. Compare and contrast different types of maps. Use coordinates to locate places on a grid. 	 Unit assessment Create maps Identify places on a given map using directional clues

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A I I Year	 UNIT 3: Culture and Diversity What common elements do cultures around the world share? Why are shelter and architecture, transportation, education and learning, and technology important in communities around the world? How are shelter and architecture, transportation, education and learning, and technology alike and different in communities around the world? 	 Compare and contrast Research 	 Unit assessment DBQ
A Year	 UNIT 4: Sense of Time and History How have communities in the Hudson Valley changed over time? How have the roles and responsibilities of adults and children in rural, urban, and suburban communities changed over time? 	 Use charts, graphs, and timelines. Compare and contrast data/information. 	 Unit assessment Ordering pictures