

Calendar-Based Curriculum Map:

7th Grade Social Studies

	August/September	October	November
Essential Question	<p><u>The United States and Canada</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *What landforms and climate regions make up the vast territory? *What are the natural resources? *What is the colonial past of this region? *What are the ethnic and religious groups and traditions of this region? *What is a free market economy and how are the economies of these countries connected? *What are the environmental changes/problems of this region? 	<p><u>Latin America</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *How is the colonial past reflected in the official language of each country? *How is the culture influenced by Native America, Africa, and Europe? *How and why is daily life centered on family and religion, primarily Roman Catholicism? *How is the region affected by its location in the Western Hemisphere and the Tropics? *What are the many mountains and highland areas of the region and how do they affect the region's climates? *What are the region's natural resources? 	<p><u>Europe</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *How does its long coastline (along the Atlantic Ocean), and access to several seas affect the continent? *How are the people dispersed, on the most densely populated of all continents? *How does the mild climate and fertile plains affect the region? *Why is it highly industrialized with a high standard of living? *How does the diversity of the people affect the region? *Describe the rich cultural heritage of this region.
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Physical geography of the United States and Canada *History and cultures of the United States and Canada *The United States and Canada today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Physical geography of Latin America *History and cultures of Latin America *Latin America today 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Physical geography of Europe *History and cultures of Europe *Europe today
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Analyze responsibilities governments and citizens need to accept to become effective in a constitutional democracy *Compare and contrast the following <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1)limited government 2)rule of law 3)majority rule 4)minority rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Interpret the past, explain the present and predict future consequences of economic decisions *Use geographic research sources to process and report information to solve problems/Construct maps *Locate major cities and nations of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Interpret the past, explain the present and predict future consequences of economic decisions *Use geographic research sources to process and report information to solve problems/Construct maps *Locate major cities and nations of

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