BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Identity and Families Kindergarten**

**BIG IDEAS**

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| Our communities are diverse and made up of individuals who have a lot in common. |  | Stories and traditions about ourselves and our families reflect who we are and where we are from. |  | Rights, roles, and responsibilities shape our identity and help us build healthy relationships with others. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Explain the significance of personal or local events, objects, people, or places (significance)** * **Ask questions, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the content and features of different types of sources (evidence)** * **Sequence objects, images, or events, and distinguish between what has changed and what has stayed the same (continuity and change)** * **Recognize causes and consequences of events, decisions, or developments in their lives (cause and consequence)** * **Acknowledge different perspectives on people, places, issues, or events in their lives (perspective)** * Identify fair and unfair aspects of events, decisions, or actions in their lives  and consider appropriate courses of action (ethical judgment) | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **ways in which individuals and families differ and are the same** * **personal and family history and traditions** * **needs and wants of individuals and families** * **rights, roles, and responsibilities of individuals and groups** * **people, places, and events in the local community, and in local First Peoples communities** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Local Communities Grade 1**

**BIG IDEAS**

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| We shape the local environment, and the local environment shapes who we are and how we live. |  | Our rights, roles, and responsibilities are important for building  strong communities. |  | Healthy communities recognize and respect the diversity of individuals and care for the local environment. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
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BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Regional and Global Communities Grade 2**

**BIG IDEAS**

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| Local actions have global consequences, and global actions have local consequences. |  | Canada is made up of many diverse regions and communities. |  | Individuals have rights and responsibilities as global citizens. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Explain why people, events, or places are significant to various individuals and groups (significance)** * **Ask questions, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the content and features of different types of sources (evidence)** * **Sequence objects, images, and events, or explain why some aspects change and others stay the same (continuity and change)** * **Recognize causes and consequences of events, decisions, or developments (cause and consequence)** * **Explain why people’s beliefs, values, worldviews, experiences, and  roles give them different perspectives on people, places, issues, or events (perspective)** * **Make value judgments about events, decisions, or actions, and suggest lessons that can be learned (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **diverse characteristics of communities and cultures in Canada and around the world, including at least one Canadian First Peoples community and culture** * **how people’s needs and wants are met in communities** * **relationships between people and the environment in  different communities** * **diverse features of the environment in other parts of Canada and the world** * **rights and responsibilities of individuals regionally  and globally** * **roles and responsibilities of regional governments** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Global Indigenous Peoples Grade 3**

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| Learning about indigenous peoples nurtures multicultural awareness and respect  for diversity. |  | People from diverse cultures and societies share some common experiences and aspects of life. |  | Indigenous knowledge is passed down through oral history, traditions, and collective memory. |  | Indigenous societies throughout the world value the well-being  of the self, the land, spirits,  and ancestors. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Explain why people, events, or places are significant to various individuals and groups (significance)** * **Ask questions, make inferences, and draw conclusions about the content and features of different types of sources (evidence)** * **Sequence objects, images, or events, and explain why some aspects change and others stay the same (continuity and change)** * **Recognize causes and consequences of events, decisions, or developments (cause and consequence)** * **Explain why people’s beliefs, values, worldviews, experiences, and roles give them different perspectives on people, places, issues, or events (perspective)** * **Make value judgments about events, decisions, or actions, and suggest lessons that can be learned (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **cultural characteristics and ways of life of local First Peoples and global indigenous peoples** * **aspects of life shared by and common to peoples and cultures** * **interconnections of cultural and technological innovations of global and local indigenous peoples** * **governance and social organization in local and global indigenous societies** * **oral history, traditional stories, and artifacts as evidence about past First Peoples cultures** * **relationship between humans and their environment** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — First Peoples and European Contact Grade 4**

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| The pursuit of valuable natural resources has played a key role in changing the land, people, and communities of Canada. |  | Interactions between First Peoples and Europeans led to conflict and co-operation, which continue to shape Canada’s identity. |  | Demographic changes in North America created shifts in economic and political power. |  | British Columbia followed a unique path in becoming a  part of Canada. |

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings  and decisions** * **Construct arguments defending the significance of individuals/groups, places, events, or developments (significance)** * **Ask questions, corroborate inferences, and draw conclusions about the content and origins of different sources (evidence)** * **Sequence objects, images, or events, and determine continuities  and changes between different time periods or places (continuity  and change)** * **Differentiate between intended and unintended consequences of events, decisions, or developments, and speculate about alternative outcomes (cause and consequence)** * **Construct narratives that capture the attitudes, values, and worldviews commonly held by people at different times or places (perspective)** * **Make ethical judgments about events, decisions, or actions  that consider the conditions of a particular time and place  (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **early contact, trade, co-operation, and conflict between First Peoples and European peoples** * **the fur trade in pre-Confederation Canada and British Columbia** * **demographic changes in pre-Confederation British Columbia in both First Peoples and non–First Peoples communities** * **economic and political factors that influenced the colonization of British Columbia and its entry into Confederation** * **the impact of colonization on First Peoples societies in British Columbia and Canada** * **the history of the local community and of local First Peoples communities** * **physiographic features and natural resources of Canada** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Canadian Issues and Governance Grade 5**

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| Canada’s policies for and treatment of minority peoples have negative and positive legacies. |  | Natural resources continue to shape the economy and identity of different regions of Canada. |  | Immigration and multiculturalism continue to shape Canadian society and identity. |  | Canadian institutions and government reflect the challenge of our regional diversity. |

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings  and decisions** * **Develop a plan of action to address a selected problem or issue** * **Construct arguments defending the significance of individuals/groups, places, events, or developments (significance)** * Ask questions, corroborate inferences, and draw conclusions about the content and origins of a variety of sources, including mass media (evidence) * **Sequence objects, images, or events, and recognize the positive and negative aspects of continuities and changes in the past and present (continuity and change)** * Differentiate between intended and unintended consequences of events, decisions, or developments, and speculate about alternative outcomes (cause and consequence) * **Take stakeholders’ perspectives on issues, developments, or events by making inferences about their beliefs, values, and motivations (perspective)** * **Make ethical judgments about events, decisions, or actions that consider the conditions of a particular time and place, and assess appropriate ways to respond (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * the development and evolution of Canadian identity over time * **the changing nature of Canadian immigration over time** * **past discriminatory government policies and actions, such as the Chinese Head Tax, the *Komagata Maru* incident, residential schools, and internments** * **human rights and responses to discrimination in  Canadian society** * **levels of government (First Peoples, federal, provincial, and municipal), their main functions, and sources of funding** * **participation and representation in Canada’s system  of government** * **resources and economic development in different regions  of Canada** * **First Peoples land ownership and use** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — Global Issues and Governance Grade 6**

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| Economic self-interest can be a significant cause of conflict among peoples and governments. |  | Complex global problems require international co-operation to make difficult choices for the future. |  | Systems of government vary in their respect for human rights and freedoms. |  | Media sources can both positively and negatively affect our understanding of important events and issues. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings  and decisions** * **Develop a plan of action to address a selected problem or issue** * Construct arguments defending the significance of individuals/groups, places, events, or developments (significance) * **Ask questions, corroborate inferences, and draw conclusions about the content and origins of a variety of sources, including mass  media (evidence)** * Sequence objects, images, or events, and recognize the positive and negative aspects of continuities and changes in the past and present (continuity and change) * **Differentiate between short- and long-term causes, and intended and unintended consequences, of events, decisions, or developments (cause and consequence)** * **Take stakeholders’ perspectives on issues, developments, or events by making inferences about their beliefs, values, and motivations (perspective)** * **Make ethical judgments about events, decisions, or actions that consider the conditions of a particular time and place, and assess appropriate ways to respond (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **the urbanization and migration of people** * **global poverty and inequality issues, including class structure  and gender** * **roles of individuals, governmental organizations, and NGOs, including groups representing indigenous peoples** * **different systems of government** * **economic policies and resource management, including effects on indigenous peoples** * **globalization and economic interdependence** * **international co-operation and responses to global issues** * **regional and international conflict** * **media technologies and coverage of current events** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — The Ancient World to the 7th Century Grade 7**

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| Geographic conditions shaped the emergence  of civilizations. |  | Religious and cultural practices that emerged during this period have endured and continue to influence people. |  | Increasingly complex societies required new systems of laws and government. |  | Economic specialization and trade networks can lead to conflict and co-operation between societies. |

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Assess the significance of people, places, events, or developments at particular times and places (significance)** * Identify what the creators of accounts, narratives, maps, or texts have determined is significant (significance) * **Assess the credibility of multiple sources and the adequacy of evidence used to justify conclusions (evidence)** * **Characterizedifferent time periods in history, including periods of progress and decline, and identify key turning points that marked periods of change (continuity and change)** * **Determine which causes most influenced particular decisions, actions, or events, and assess their short- and long-term consequences (cause and consequence)** * **Explain different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, or events, and compare the values, worldviews, and  beliefs of human cultures and societies in different times and places (perspective)** * **Make ethical judgments about past events, decisions, or actions, and assess the limitations of drawing direct lessons from the past (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **anthropological origins of humans** * **human responses to particular geographic challenges and opportunities, including climates, landforms, and natural resources** * **features and characteristics of civilizations, and factors that led to their rise and fall** * **origins, core beliefs, narratives, practices, and influences of religions, including at least one indigenous to the Americas** * **scientific, philosophical, and technological developments** * **interactions and exchanges between past civilizations and cultures, including conflict, peace, trade, expansion, and migration** * **social, political, legal, governmental, and economic systems and structures, including at least one indigenous to the Americas** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — 7th Century to 1750 Grade 8**

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| Contact and conflict between peoples stimulated significant cultural, social, and  political change. |  | Human and environmental factors shape changes  in population and  living standards. |  | Exploration, expansion,  and colonization had varying consequences for  different groups. |  | Changing ideas about the world created tension between people wanting to adopt new ideas and those wanting to  preserve established traditions. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Assess the significance of people, places, events, or developments at particular times and places (significance)** * **Identify what the creators of accounts, narratives, maps, or texts have determined is significant (significance)** * **Assess the credibility of multiple sources and the adequacy of evidence used to justify conclusions (evidence)** * **Characterizedifferent time periods in history, including periods of progress and decline, and identify key turning points that mark periods  of change (continuity and change)** * **Determine which causes most influenced particular decisions, actions,  or events, and assess their short-and long-term consequences (cause  and consequence)** * **Explain different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, or events, and compare the values, worldviews, and beliefs of human cultures and societies in different times and places (perspective)** * **Make ethical judgments about past events, decisions, or actions,  and assess the limitations of drawing direct lessons from the past  (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **social, political, and economic systems and structures, including those of at least one indigenous civilization** * **scientific and technological innovations** * **philosophical and cultural shifts** * **interactions and exchanges of resources, ideas, arts, and culture between and among different civilizations** * **exploration, expansion, and colonization** * **changes in population and living standards** |

BC Logo Min of Ed**Area of Learning: SOCIAL STUDIES — 1750 – 1919 Grade 9**

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| Emerging ideas and  ideologies profoundly influence societies and events. |  | The physical environment influences the nature of political, social, and economic change. |  | Disparities in power alter the  balance of relationships between individuals and between societies. |  | Collective identity  is constructed and can  change over time. |

**Learning Standards**

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| **Curricular Competencies** | **Content** |
| *Students are expected to be able to do the following:*   * **Use Social Studies inquiry processes and skills to ask questions; gather, interpret, and analyze ideas; and communicate findings and decisions** * **Assess the significance of people, places, events, or developments, and compare varying perspectives on their historical significance at particular times and places, and from group to group (significance)** * **Assess the justification for competing historical accounts after investigating points of contention, reliability of sources, and adequacy  of evidence (evidence)** * **Compare and contrast continuities and changes for different groups at the same time period (continuity and change)** * **Assess how prevailing conditions and the actions of individuals or groups affect events, decisions, or developments (cause and consequence)** * **Explain and infer different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, or events by considering prevailing norms, values, worldviews, and beliefs (perspective)** * **Recognize implicit and explicit ethical judgments in a variety of sources (ethical judgment)** * **Make reasoned ethical judgments about actions in the past and  present, and determine appropriate ways to remember and respond  (ethical judgment)** | *Students are expected to know the following:*   * **political, social, economic, and technological revolutions** * **imperialism and colonialism, and their continuing effects on indigenous peoples in Canada and around the world** * **global demographic shifts, including patterns of migration and population growth** * **nationalism and the development of modern nation-states, including Canada** * **local, regional, and global conflicts** * **discriminatory policies and injustices in Canada and the world, such as the Head Tax, the *Komagata Maru* incident, residential schools, and World War I internment** * **physiographic features and natural resources in Canada** |