

GIFTED SOCIAL STUDIES

FORT CLARKE
MIDDLE SCHOOL



Social Studies Curriculum
U.S. History
Civics
World History

Gifted students have the advantage of advanced classes in Social Studies. These advanced classes are distinguished by *acceleration*, *enrichment*, *sophistication*, and *novelty*. Gifted Social Studies is seen as a three-year program, in which students learn more than just the prescribed curricula. Students learn, as a thread through 6th, 7th & 8th grade, the research & analytical skills they need to have a head start in the Honors, AP, IB & Cambridge programs that are offered in Alachua County high schools.

Resources:

- ConnectEd digital textbooks & resources
- Six computer labs & classroom laptops
- 100s of primary & secondary sources
- Stanford's *Reading Like a Historian*
- *The DBQ Project* (AP prep)
- Partnership with UF Libraries
- Critical/lateral thinking puzzles
- Music from various cultures
- UF guest speakers

Hands-on Projects

- Historical fiction writing
- Maps, posters, & other visuals
- Computer-generated products (PowerPoint, Canva, etc.)
- Living history projects
- Cultural cooking projects
- Mock debates & trials
- Internet Webquests
- Independent research projects
- Participant in the National History Day program

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