

Anchorage School District
7th Grade Social Studies - List of Adopted Materials
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Core Instructional Materials for 7th Grade

PRIMARY WORLD GEOGRAPHY TEXTBOOK

The committee recommends that this textbook be issued to each student, with the exception of the alternative for the ESL students listed below.

People, Places & Change (Holt), ©2005

The ESL committee recommends that this textbook be issued to each beginning, intermediate, and high intermediate ESL student.

World Geography and Cultures, Pacemaker Series, (Globe Fearon/Pearson Learning Group), 2nd edition

PRIMARY ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS TEXTBOOK

The committee recommends one class set per teacher as the best single resource for addressing the needs of this portion of the curriculum.

History of Our World: The Early Ages (Prentice-Hall), ©2005

ALASKA MATERIALS

The committee recognizes that most or all of these materials exist in schools at this time. The thematic atlas by Pearson (below) is likely available soon online.

Ferrell, Nancy, Alaska – A Land in Motion (UAF, Alaska Department of Education), 2002

Gates, Nancy, editor, the Alaska Almanac: Facts About Alaska (Alaska Northwest Books), 27th edition, 2003

Pearson, Roger, Alaska in Maps, A Thematic Atlas (Alaska Department of Education), 1998

The Original Milepost Plan-a-Trip Map (GTE Discovery Publications, Inc.),
©1989

The following website was created for the Anchorage School District 7th grade curriculum, and is now part of the Alaska Studies high school course.

“Welcome to Alaska Studies”, <http://www.akhistory.org>

Supplemental Instructional Materials for 7th Grade

SUPPLEMENTAL WORLD GEOGRAPHY TEXTBOOK

The ten regional studies books listed in the series below are not as economical as the primary recommendation above. Some schools have them already from the 1999 adoption, and the committee feels those may be effectively utilized. Additional purchases to address specific needs should be allowed.

World Studies: Africa* (Pearson Prentice-Hall), ©2005

*Besides Africa, other books in the World Studies series referenced above are: Central Asia and the Middle East, East Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America, North Africa, Russia, South Asia, United States and Canada, and Western Europe.

This textbook and ancillary materials have been effectively used in ESL classes, so the ESL committee feels that it should be retained as a viable supplement for beginning and intermediate ESL classes.

World Geography and You (Steck-Vaughn), ©1998

This picture dictionary is effective for geography content vocabulary development for ESL students. The ESL committee recommends its use as a supplement to the primary World Geography curriculum for beginning and intermediate ESL students.

Explore Geography Picture Dictionary (Ballard & Tighe), 2nd Edition

SUPPLEMENTAL ANCIENT CIVILIZATION TEXTBOOKS

The committee recommends one set of this seven book series per school (complete series except for Roman and Greek World). It has strengths different from and complimentary to the primary text.

The World in Ancient Times (Oxford Press) ©2005

The Early Human World

The Ancient Near Eastern World

The Ancient Egyptian World

The Ancient Chinese World
The Ancient South Asian World
The Ancient American World
Primary Source Documents

This book is not as complete as the primary ancient civilization text recommendation above. Some schools have them already from the 1999 adoption, and the committee feels those may be effectively utilized. Additional purchases should be allowed as needed.

World Studies: The Ancient World (Prentice-Hall), ©2005

GEOGRAPHY SUPPORT

The committee recognizes that there are numerous products available supporting world geography content and skills. The following are recommended choices.

GLOBES

12” blue political sunlit world globe (Cram; pg. 30), ©2004

16” globes on a cart (six globes) #6160-6203 (Cram; pg. 28), ©2004

16” globe (single version of above) #6160-1647 (Cram; pg. 28), ©2004

ATLASES

World Atlas (Nystrom; red; #930A90; set of 30), ©2005

Historical Atlas (Nystrom; light green), ©2005

World History Atlas (Cram; pg. 51; #8885-6730; set of 30 w/ activities binder),
©2005

MAPS AND MAPPING SKILLS

Universal Wall Map (Cram), ©2005

Our World Today (Nystrom; #230WT-AM- set of 30; 2100WT-AM-set of 100), ©2005

Alaska, United States, World – three “pull-down” maps; (Rand McNally), ©2005

Map Essentials (National Geographic), ©2001

INTERDISCIPLINARY GEOGRAPHY SUPPORT

“Geo-Kits” (National Geographic), ©2001

Ancient India and China

Egypt and Fertile Crescent Valley

Middle and South America

American History: Native Americans (useful for 8th grade as well)

“Reading Expeditions” (National Geographic), ©2003

World Regions

World Cultures