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Chapter 1: Social Studies and Decision Making

Section 1: What is History?

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ is the story of the successes and failures from the past that have shaped our world today.
2. Studying history means learning about _____ that people have made over time.
3. In other words, we study history in the hope that we do not repeat the _____ of our ancestors.
4. Learning the history of other countries provides _____ for decision-making.
5. Studying history can help a citizen understand the _____ of people, which helps to explain their _____ and thinking.
6. As you study history, you will learn about _____ (like governments), _____, and _____ of people in the past.



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Section 2: What is Geography?

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Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. The study of _____ is the study of our surroundings— the _____ features that describe places on Earth, and the _____ geography that examines how people make decisions about how to adapt to their _____ (surroundings).
2. _____ describes where a place is on Earth. It can be described in two different ways: _____ location and _____ location.
3. Places can be defined by _____ geography characteristics that include _____ spoken, _____ practiced, and belief systems.
4. Places can also be described by _____ geography characteristics that include _____, climate, vegetation, and other _____ characteristics.
5. This theme describes how people make decisions about _____ with their environment and how the environment _____.
6. _____ is when people, goods, and ideas travel from one location to another.
7. _____ are areas with distinctive human and/or physical characteristics.
8. It is important to remember that _____ are not the same as countries.

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9. The study of geography helps us to understand that _____ we live affects _____ we live.



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Section 3: What is Political Science?

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Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ is the study of different types of governments.
2. There are three main parts of political science: _____ life, _____, and _____.
3. _____ life looks at how citizens' decisions affect the local community and its decisions. This would include _____ for a candidate in an election or even running for office.
4. _____ is a process through which people with different opinions are able to reach decisions together that are agreed to and enforced.
5. _____ is made up of the people and institutions in a society that have the authority to make, carry out, and enforce _____, as well as settle disputes.
6. Citizens must be able to make _____, or educated, decisions about their government and what their government should and should not do.
7. One important part of _____ is understanding the relationship between historical events and _____.
8. This knowledge will help you comprehend the _____ and _____ of citizens in a democracy and understand the importance of being an _____ citizen in your country.



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Section 4: What is Economics?

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ is the study of how decisions are made about how to allocate, or distribute, limited _____ in order to satisfy unlimited wants.
2. Individuals, groups, and societies all experience _____ (the situation that exists when there is unlimited demand but not enough supply of a good or service).
3. Effective decision-making requires a person to compare the additional costs of _____, or choices, with the additional _____.
4. _____ occurs when a country focuses on producing goods and services it can make best and trading for what it is unable to produce.
5. Scarcity and specialization lead to _____ among individuals or organizations within a country, as well as individuals or organizations between different countries.
6. Learning about _____ allows you to study how people organize production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.
7. Being able to understand global _____ means you understand the increasingly important and diverse global connections among world societies.
8. Understanding trade and interdependence will also help you understand problems that are a result of _____ (the development of an increasingly worldwide economy).



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Section 5: What is Decision Making in Social Studies?

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. Learning how to make _____ is at the core of social studies. A decision is a _____ reached after consideration.
2. To make good decisions, you must first clearly identify an _____ or problem that needs to be solved.
3. Many times, the issue or problem has two parts: a _____ to accomplish and a _____, or obstacle, that is preventing the goal from being accomplished.
4. The next step is for the decision maker to develop a list of possible _____ that could lead to achieving the goal.
5. Each option has _____ (outcomes), which can be both good and bad.
6. Decisions involve balancing _____ against one's personal _____. What you value, or what is most _____ to you, will affect which option you choose.
7. Finally, after combining information about your various _____, your _____, and the short-term and long-term _____ of each option, it is time to make the decision.