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# ***World Studies for Georgia Students-Grade 7***

## *Chapter 1: Social Studies and Decision Making – Section 1: What Is History?*

### **Guided Notes**

**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 shape 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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## Chapter 1: Social Studies and Decision Making – Section 2: What is Geography?

### Guided Notes

**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.
9. The study of geography helps us to understand that \_\_\_\_\_ we live affects \_\_\_\_\_ we live.



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## *Chapter 1: Social Studies and Decision Making – Section 3: What Is Political Science?*

### **Guided Notes**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ education 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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## *Chapter 1: Social Studies and Decision Making – Section 4: What Is Economics?*

### **Guided Notes**

**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 that can make best and trading for what they are 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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## *Chapter 1: Social Studies and Decision Making – Section 5: What Is Decision Making in Social Studies?*

### **Guided Notes**

**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, which 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.