



8th Grade Social Studies Year at a Glance

Teacher: Mr. Toop

	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June
Topic(s) of Study	1. Washington Geology and Geography 2. Indigenous Peoples of Washington	3. Early Encounters 4. Settlement of the Northwest	5. From Treaties to Statehood 6. A State of Growth	7. An Era of Reform	8. The Great Depression and WWII 9. Washington Comes of Age 10. Our Government in Action 11. Our State Economy	1. Introduction to Geography 2. Introduction to Geology 3. Climate and Vegetation 4. Population and Culture	5. Resources and Land Use 6. Geography of the U.S.A. 7. Canada and Mexico	8. Central America and the Caribbean 9. South America 10. Western Europe 11. Eastern Europe	12. Northern Eurasia 13. The Middle East (Southwest Asia) 14. Africa 15. South Asia	16. East Asia and the Pacific World
Key Writing Assignments	Research Paper: The Yakama	Argumentative/Persuasive: Missionaries vs. Fur Traders		Compare and Contrast: Gilded Age and Progressive Era					Cause and Effect: Conflict in the Middle East	
Possible STEM Challenges	1. Washington State 3-D Map 2. Hunter-Gatherer Challenge	1. Create a Compass 2. Log Cabins	1. Gold Panning 2. Railroad Construction	1. Mineshafts 2. Boeing Airplanes	1. Space Needle Cupcake Holder 2. Magnetic Mass Transit	1. Oil Spill Clean-up 2. Vegetation Regions	1. Feeding the World 2. Grand Canyon Bungee Jump 3. Cenote Treasure	1. Deforestation 2. Amazon River 3. Eiffel Tower Tight Rope	1. Tallest Building 2. Basket Weaving	1. Carousel 2. Wind Surfing
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