



# Chardon Local Schools Curriculum

## Grade 5 - SOCIAL STUDIES - **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

### Curriculum Description / Overview

In grade five, students study the Western Hemisphere (North and South America), its geographic features, early history, cultural development and economic change. Students learn about the early inhabitants of the Americas and the impact of European exploration and colonization. The geographic focus includes the study of contemporary regional characteristics, the movement of people, products and ideas, and cultural diversity. Students develop their understanding of economic decision making and financial literacy.



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Strand	HISTORY
Power Objective #1	2. Early Indian civilizations (Maya, Inca, Aztec, Mississippian) existed in the Western Hemisphere prior to the arrival of Europeans. These civilizations had developed unique governments, social structures, religions, technologies, and agricultural practices and products.
Supporting Indicators	Maya
	Inca
	Aztec
	Mississippian
Power Objective #2	3. European exploration and colonization during the 1400s-1600s had lasting effects which can be used to understand the Western Hemisphere today.
Supporting Indicators	Effects of Christopher Columbus, Hernan Cortes, Francisco Pizarro
	13 Original Colonies
Strand	GEOGRAPHY
Power Objective #1	7. The variety of physical environments within the Western Hemisphere influences human activities. Likewise, human activities modify the physical environments.
Supporting Indicators	6. Regions can be determined using various criteria (e.g., landform, climate, population, cultural or economic).
	8. American Indians developed unique cultures with many different ways of life. American Indian tribes and nations can be classified into cultural groups based on geographic and cultural similarities.
Strand	GOVERNMENT

Power Objective #1

12. Democracies, dictatorships and monarchies are categories for understanding the relationship between those in power or authority and citizens.

**Strand**

**ECONOMICS**

Power Objective #1

14. The choices made by individuals and governments have both present and future consequences.

