Alaska Social Studies

Grade 6 Alaska Studies and Geography Standards

Physical Environment

Our Location in the World

18 Geographic Representations and Reasoning SS.6.1.18

1 Define absolute and relative location using real-world examples. SS.6.1.18.1

2 Draft and utilize a variety of maps to communicate information. SS.6.1.18.2

3 Construct and interpret latitudinal and longitudinal representations of absolute locations using X and Y axes. SS.6.1.18.3

Geographic Regions of Alaska

18 Geographic Representations and Reasoning SS.6.1.18

4 Demonstrate an understanding of the defining characteristics and placement of the physical regions of Alaska. SS.6.1.18.4

Physical Features of Alaska

20 Geography of Alaska

1 Identify the characteristics of the local physical environment and its impact on inhabitants. SS.6.1.20.1

2 Demonstrate an understanding of the interactions between the earth, sun, moon, tides, and seasons both locally and globally. SS.6.1.20.2

Geohazards of Alaska

16 Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture

1 Demonstrate an understanding of how humans impact their environment. SS.6.1.16.1

2 Analyze the impact of natural disasters and human-induced hazards on human populations. SS.6.1.16.2

3 Evaluate the human response to current and historical disasters, both human-made and natural. SS.6.1.16.3

Physical History of Alaska

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17 Global Interconnections: Changing Spatial Patterns SS.6.1.17

1 Examine the causes of historical and continuing conflicts in Alaska. SS.6.1.17.1

2 Analyze how the geography of Alaska's regions influences the conflicts and alliances that arise during war. SS.6.1.17.2

3 Evaluate the impact of war on Alaska's ecosystems, resources, and landscapes, recognizing the environmental changes caused by military activities. SS.6.1.17.3

Migration Patterns to and Within Alaska

19 Human Populations: Spatial Patterns and Movements SS.6.1.19

1 Examine the distribution of human populations over time, including population density, migration trends, and urbanization. SS.6.1.19.1

Peoples of Alaska

Movement

19 Human Populations: Spatial Patterns and Movements SS.6.2.19

1 Investigate complex and diverse characteristics of human cultures across time and place, using multiple sources of information. SS.6.2.19.1

2 Describe the characteristics of civilizations using real-world examples. SS.6.2.19.2

The First Alaskans

22 Historical Sources and Evidence SS.6.2.22

1 Examine multiple explanations for how people came to Alaska. SS.6.2.22.1

2 Investigate how the climate and physical features of Alaska influenced migration and settlement. SS.6.2.22.2

Alaska Native Groups

21 Perspectives SS.6.2.21

1 Research Alaska Native groups through examination of oral histories, primary sources, and contributions over time. SS.6.2.21.1

2 Explain the connection between culture and geography. SS.6.2.21.2

Human Environment Interactions

16 Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture SS.6.2.16

1 Describe characteristics of historical and current human populations and determine how they vary by location. SS.6.2.16.1

Impact of Colonialism

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23 Change, Continuity, and Context SS.6.2.23

1 Identify the factors that led to initial Russian and European contact. SS.6.2.23.1

2 Evaluate the immediate and long-term effects of colonization on Alaska Native groups. SS.6.2.23.2

Continued Immigration to Alaska

14 The Global Economy SS.6.2.14

1 Identify historical and contemporary populations that have migrated to Alaska in the past 200 years. SS.6.2.14.1

2 Examine the narratives, experiences, and impacts of various immigrant groups who have inhabited Alaska. SS.6.2.14.2

3 Engage in discussions of factors that could lead to future immigration to Alaska. SS.6.2.14.3

Resources and Economics

Alaska's Resources

18 Geographic Representations and Reasoning SS.6.3.18

1 Create maps of Alaska that show how physical characteristics have influenced where and how humans have settled. SS.6.3.18.1

Historical Use of Natural Resources

16 Human Environment Interaction: Place, Regions, and Culture SS.6.3.16

1 Evaluate how historical perspectives, ways of knowing, values, and current practices of Alaska Natives influence land, water, and resource uses. SS.6.3.16.1

2 Explain how Alaska's geographic location and resources have affected the state and the world. SS.6.3.16.2

3 Analyze and evaluate the impact of past management of Alaska's resources. SS.6.3.16.3

4 Formulate clear and focused questions about future resource use in Alaska. SS.6.3.16.4

5 Collaborate to create a plan for future preservation or use of Alaska's resources. SS.6.3.16.5

6 Evaluate how resource extraction in Alaska impacts government, economics, environment, and populations, identifying both positives and negatives. SS.6.3.16.6

7 Evaluate changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution, and importance of resources over time due to forces of cooperation and conflict. SS.6.3.16.7

8 Discuss how the resources of Alaska shaped the history of different regions. SS.6.3.16.8

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ıbsistence and Commercial Economics

11 Economic Systems, Models, and Markets SS.6.3.11

1 Analyze the impact of subsistence, barter, sharing, and cash economies in the lives of Alaska's residents. SS.6.3.11.1

Alaska's Role in the National Economy

13 The National Economy SS.6.3.13

1 Analyze how Alaska's resources impact national supply and demand. SS.6.3.13.1

State, Local, and Tribal Economies

15 Alaska Economies: State, Local, and Tribal SS.6.3.15

1 Explain how local, Tribal, and state government agencies work to sustain resources and promote economic development in Alaska. SS.6.3.15.1

Community Awareness

Your Financial Decisions

12 Decision-Making and Personal Finance SS.6.4.12

1 Investigate methods of personal finance. SS.6.4.12.1

2 Devise a plan for making informed financial decisions. SS.6.4.12.2

3 Define cost-benefit analysis, trade-offs, and opportunity costs. SS.6.4.12.3

4 Investigate how choices impact personal financial security. SS.6.4.12.4

Government Institutions

6 Civic and Political Institutions and Systems SS.6.4.6

1 Examine the major components and roles of local, Tribal, and state governments. SS.6.4.6.1

Decision-Making Processes

8 Processes, Rules, and Laws SS.6.4.8

1 Evaluate and compare procedures for making decisions at the Tribal, local, state, and national levels. SS.6.4.8.1

2 Assess specific rules and laws (both actual and proposed) as means of addressing public concerns. SS.6.4.8.2

3 Identify the interconnectivity of local, Tribal, and state processes, rules, and laws. SS.6.4.8.3

Local, Tribal, and State Governments

9 Alaska's Governments SS.6.4.9

1 Describe essential characteristics of Alaska's local, Tribal, and state governments and their roles both locally and statewide. SS.6.4.9.1

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2 Identify key components of political relationships between the federal government and Alaska Native groups. SS.6.4.9.2

Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Citizen

10 Rights, Roles, and Responsibilities of Citizens SS.6.4.10

1 Describe the roles and responsibilities of people in the United States. SS.6.4.10.1

The Value of Participation

7 Participation and Deliberation SS.6.4.7

1 Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives. SS.6.4.7.1

2 Distinguish the powers and responsibilities of residents, citizens, political parties, interest groups, and the media in a variety of governmental and nongovernmental contexts. SS.6.4.7.2