

Grade 7

Inquiry Standards

Inquiry Practice: Develop Questions and Plan Inquiries

- 1 Develop and refine compelling or supporting questions about a disciplinary issue. [SS.7.1](#)

Inquiry Practice: Gather, Interpret and Evaluate Sources

- 2 Gather relevant information from credible sources, evaluating the origin, authority, structure, context, and corroborative value of each source. [SS.7.2](#)

Inquiry Practice: Claims and Evidence

- 3 Identify and analyze evidence from multiple perspectives and credible sources to support claims in argumentative and informational tasks, while recognizing and addressing the limitations of the evidence used. [SS.7.3](#)

Inquiry Practice: Claims and Evidence

- 4 Develop clear claims and counterclaims in argumentative writing or discussions, while analyzing and articulating the strengths and limitations of both perspectives in a fair and balanced manner. [SS.7.4](#)

Inquiry Practice: Communicate Conclusions

- 5 Construct responses to compelling questions supported by reasoning and evidence while acknowledging the strengths and weaknesses of the explanations. [SS.7.5](#)

Inquiry Practice: Communicate Conclusions

- 6 Construct clear and coherent arguments that support a specific claim, using relevant evidence and reasoning from multiple credible sources to substantiate the claim. [SS.7.6](#)

Inquiry Practice: Civic Engagement and Participation

- 7 Analyze how a specific problem can manifest itself at the local, regional, and global level over time, identifying its characteristics and causes, and the challenges and opportunities faced by those trying to address the problem. [SS.7.7](#)

Globalization

Geography: Global Connections

- 8 Contextualize the formation of international organizations and their impact. [SS.7.8](#)

History: Change, Continuity and Context

- 9 Analyze the effectiveness of international treaties and laws. [SS.7.9](#)

History: Multiple Perspectives

- 10 Compare and contrast major world religions including their origins, practices, and traditions. [SS.7.10](#)

Economics/ Financial Literacy: Exchange and Markets

- 11 Analyze benefits and challenges of economic globalization in Iowa and worldwide. [SS.7.11](#)

North America**Geography: Geographic Tools**

- 12 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of North America. [SS.7.12](#)

Geography: Places and Regions

- 13 Examine the factors that influenced European settlement in North America. [SS.7.13](#)

Geography: Human-Environment Interaction

- 14 Identify and describe characteristics of Native American tribes of North America. [SS.7.14](#)

Geography: Human Movement and Patterns

- 15 Explain the evolving impact of migration and immigration on North America. [SS.7.15](#)

Civics/Government: Role and Systems of Government

- 16 Examine the government systems of Canada, Mexico, and the United States and their relationship to one another. [SS.7.16](#)

Civics/Government: Citizenship and Civic Rights and Responsibilities

- 17 Evaluate how human rights and cultural liberty have been upheld or taken away in North American governments. [SS.7.17](#)

Europe**Geography: Geographic Tools**

- 18 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of Europe. [SS.7.18](#)

Civics/Government: Processes, Rules and Laws

- 19 Explain processes in European countries including creating laws, implementing policies, and providing services to its citizens. [SS.7.19](#)

History: Historical Interpretation and Argumentation

- 20 Explain how revolutions in modern Europe influenced revolutions in other regions of the world. [SS.7.20](#)

Latin America**Geography: Geographic Tools**

- 21 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of Latin America. [SS.7.21](#)

Civics/Government: Role and Systems of Government

- 22 Explain the evolution of Latin American governments over time, linking the reasoning for changing leadership. [SS.7.22](#)

History: Comparison and Corroboration

- 23 Analyze the impact of imperialism in Latin America. [SS.7.23](#)

Asia

Geography: Geographic Tools

- 24 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of Asia. [SS.7.24](#)

History: Chronological Reasoning and Causation

- 25 Analyze the impact of population trends in Asian countries. [SS.7.25](#)

Economics/ Financial Literacy: Economic Systems

- 26 Describe the historic, economic, and political components of communism in Asian countries. [SS.7.26](#)

Economics/Financial Literacy: Production and Consumption

- 27 Identify Asian countries that are leading production and trade and analyze how this impacts the world. [SS.7.27](#)

Africa

Geography: Geographic Tools

- 28 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of Africa. [SS.7.28](#)

History: Chronological Reasoning and Causation

- 29 Describe the impact of historical and modern government and economic policies on the development of Africa today. [SS.7.29](#)

Economics/Financial Literacy: Economic Decision Making

- 30 Examine how power imbalances lead to scarcity of resources and services. [SS.7.30](#)

Oceania and Antarctica

Geography: Geographic Tools

- 31 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of Oceania and Antarctica. [SS.7.31](#)

History: Multiple Perspectives

- 32 Examine the cultures of Indigenous peoples in present-day Australia and New Zealand and those living there today. [SS.7.32](#)

Geography: Human-Environment Interaction

33 Describe environmental challenges in Oceania and Antarctica. **SS.7.33**

Civics/Government: Role and Systems of Government

34 Explain Antarctic exploration and how and why Antarctica is governed through international cooperation today. **SS.7.34**

Middle East**Geography: Geographic Tools**

35 Interpret and use various geographical resources to determine the physical characteristics of the Middle East region. **SS.7.35**

History: Change, Continuity and Context

36 Examine the evolution of the state of Israel and its current global impact. **SS.7.36**

History: Change, Continuity and Context

37 Analyze the major forces in the Middle East since the 1970s. **SS.7.37**

Financial Literacy**Economics/Financial Literacy: Financial and Career Goals**

38 Analyze the benefits of setting financial goals with regard to risk and return, and how savings and investment tools can help one achieve those goals. **SS.7.38**

Economics/ Financial Literacy: Saving, Spending, and Investing

39 Analyze how external factors, such as marketing and advertising, influence spending decisions, and explain consumers' rights and responsibilities in making informed choices. **SS.7.39**