

Warren County School District

PLANNED INSTRUCTION

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Social Studies 8 Elective (Histories Mysteries)

Course Number: 00102

Course Prerequisites: None

Course Description:

Become a world detective! Who built Stonehenge? What was the purpose of the Terracotta Warriors? Was Atlantis real? Who was King Arthur? History is full of unexplained events. Through exploration, cooperative activities, and simulations students will examine numerous mysteries of World and American History.

Suggested Grade Level: Eighth Grade

Length of Course: ☒ One Semester ☐ Two Semesters ☐ Other (Describe)

Units of Credit: .5 Middle Level Credit (Insert *None* if appropriate)

PDE Certification and Staffing Policies and Guidelines (CSPG) Required Teacher Certifications:

CSPG 59 - Social Studies 7-12, CSPG 52 - Middle Level Social Studies Grades 7-9, CSPG 10 Grades 4-8

Certification verified by WCSD Human Resources Department: ☒ Yes ☐ No

TEXTBOOK AND SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Continue using Board approved textbook? ☐ Yes ☒ No (*If yes, then complete the information below.*)

Board Approved Textbooks, Software, Supplemental Materials:

Title: Mysteries in History—3 book set

Publisher: Teachers' Discovery

ISBN #: 3K0512

Copyright Date: 2005

Date of WCSD Board Approval: April 9, 2018

BOARD APPROVAL:

Date Written: March 6, 2018

Date Approved: April 9, 2018; March 11, 2019 Revised Credit

Implementation Date: 2018-2019

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND GIFTED REQUIREMENTS

The teacher shall make appropriate modification to instruction and assessment based on a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or Gifted Individual Education Plan (GIEP).

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will be broken into three parts: Ancient Mysteries, World Mysteries and American Mysteries.

Each unit will be approximately six weeks long and focus on unexplained events of history.

The overall course Big Idea is "How can we determine events from the past?"

Course Outline:

- Ancient History Mysteries: 6 weeks long. Topics include:
 - Who Invented the Alphabet?
 - Was King Tut Murdered?
 - Troy: Was there a horse?
 - Stonehenge
 - Is Atlantis a Legend?
 - The Terracotta Soldiers
 - Did King Arthur Exist?
 - Mysterious Lines
 - Statues on Easter Island
 - The Secret of the Iceman's Death
- World History Mysteries: 6 weeks long. Topics include:
 - The Knights Templars and their Treasure
 - Did Marco Polo Really travel to China?
 - The Fingerprints of Shakespeare
 - Who was the Man in the iron mask?
 - Could Mozart have been murdered?
 - Beethoven's Love letters
 - The Mystery of the Mary Celeste
 - The Sinking of the Lusitania
 - The Missing Bones of Peking Man
- American History Mysteries: 6 weeks long. Topics include:
 - Who Really discovered the Americas?
 - What Happened to the Lost Colony?
 - The Salem Witch Trials
 - The Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy
 - The Explosion on the Maine
 - The Lindbergh Baby kidnapping
 - Amelia Earhart's Disappearance
 - Were the Rosenbergs Wrongly Convicted?
 - The JFK Assassination

Assignments and activities could include:

- Debates
- Court Cases
- Newspaper activities
- Essay Writing
- Document analysis

Standards to be addressed:

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For standards, essential questions, content, and skills see **Curriculum Map** – [Click here to enter text.](#)

ASSESSMENT

Portfolio Assessment: ☐ Yes ☒ No

District-Wide Common Final Examination Required: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Course Challenge Assessment (Describe): N/A

WRITING TEAM: Warren County School District Teachers

WCSD STUDENT DATA SYSTEM INFORMATION

1. Is there a required final examination? ☐ Yes ☒ No
**Warren County School District Policy 9741 and 9744 state, "All classes in grades 9-12 shall have a final exam."*
2. Does this course issue a mark/grade for the report card? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Does this course issue a Pass/Fail mark? ☐ Yes ☒ No
4. Is the course mark/grade part of the GPA calculation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Is the course eligible for Honor Roll calculation? ☒ Yes ☐ No
6. What is the academic weight of the course?

☐ No weight/Non credit

☒ Standard weight

☐ Enhanced weight