



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Social Studies

#### What does the course entail?

**Grade 7 :** The program in this level allows the students to explore World History starting from the First Civilizations to the Commercial cities of the Middle Ages. In Geography, students will explore and study the organization of different territories such as the Metropolis, the Touristic Territory, etc.

**Grade 8 :** Following a review of what was studied in Grade 7, the students will explore the remaining of World History, from the Renaissance to the Civil Rights Movements of the 20th Century. In Geography, students will explore and study the organization of territories such as the Heritage Sites, the Energetic Territory and the Native Territory.

**Grade 9 and 10:** The History and Citizenship Education course required by the Quebec Education Program for Cycle 2 is taught over a two year period (Cycle 2, Year 1 and 2). The overall educational aims of this course are to help students develop their understanding of the present in light of the past.

**Grade 11: CWO:** The educational aims of this course are to help students understand the nature of the relationships that form among societies and the way in which these relationships shape the organization of the world today. Students will be encouraged to become aware of their role in society and of their responsibilities as citizens. The program will help students to become critically aware and open to diversity and to bring them into contact with a range of viewpoints regarding environment, population, power, wealth, tensions and conflicts.

**Grade 11: Finance:** Students analyze financial issues that they are likely to encounter at this point in their lives. Also to encourage students to take an interest in managing their personal finances.

#### What evaluation methods are used for this course?

**Grade 7 and 8 :** Various assignments, projects, quizzes, tests and a formal end of year exam provided by the school (not the School Board).

**Grade 9:** Various assignments, tests and formal mid year and end of year exams Provided by the school board).

**Grade 10:** Various assignments, tests and formal mid year and end of year exams provided by the ministry). The final exam is worth 50% of the whole year.

**Grade 11:** Various assignments, projects, tests and presentations. We also have the students be a part of a Model United Nations. There is no formal exam for either CWO or Finance.

#### What are the competencies for this course?

Social Studies has a wide range of competencies which vary by the exact grade level and subject being studied. These are available on the website of the Ministry of Education.

## **Is this an option course?**

No, Social Studies are required at all grade levels.  
In Grade 11 students study New Contemporary World and Finance.

## **What materials are required for this course?**

Course Text books and Workbooks are offered at most levels.

Digital access is also offered for cycle 2 course material.

## **How do you help students who are struggling?**

Students who struggle are supported by a team of teachers in resource, a quiet place to write tests as well as tutorial sessions.

## **What opportunities are provided for enrichment?**

John Rennie participates in a multischool model UN, a student driven effort that allows students to engage with some of the complexities of international collaboration and problem solving. Also, students can choose to take the course in English or French in all grade levels.

## **What resources are used for this subject?**

Various workbooks and textbooks, computer access, digital access, etc.

## **How often is this course offered?**

Grade 9 and 10: 4 days out of 6  
Contemporary World: 2 days out of 6  
Finance: 2 days out of 6