

Social Studies 9 Course Code: MSS-09

Social Studies 9 continues the development of historical thinking competencies through content and themes emerging from 1750 to 1919. Although specific content may vary, there are five big ideas that guide the social studies processes in grade 9. The first being, how emerging ideas and ideologies profoundly influence societies and events. This may include various revolutions over time, or the introduction of machinery and urbanization through the industrial revolution specifically.

Another big idea is how disparities in power alter the balance of relationships between individuals and societies. This idea, along with consideration of collective identity and stories of the past, may cover topics like Canadian Confederation and World War I. The inclusion of the physical environment and the nature of political and economic change, is another focus of the year.

Case studies to implement these big ideas may be broad, but an important focus of the year is on the development of Canada, other nation states, and the impact of colonialism on Indigenous peoples.

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