



Sixth Grade at Westgate Christian Academy



Our Interdependent World

Summary

At the sixth grade level the students study the United States and its formation from the beginning of the Civil War through World War II. They will study the changing boundaries of the U.S. and the relations between the United States and other countries during this time. The purpose of the sixth grade curriculum is to give a comprehensive overview of the time period with an extended worldview to give context to the time period.

Concept Statements

1. Cultures come into contact for various reasons: war persecution, poverty, and opportunity.
2. When cultures have contact, change occurs in the areas of language, art, social structure (integration and persecution).
3. Individuals and families are affected by intercultural contact and can affect the people in various ways including
 - a) interdependence in order to survive
 - b) children can develop a different value system from their parents
 - c) necessity for some to develop and utilize leadership qualities and skills
 - d) expression of emotion and feelings in an artistic or written form
4. When communicating the Gospel cross-culturally, Christians need to carefully sort out Biblical truth and cultural distinctiveness.

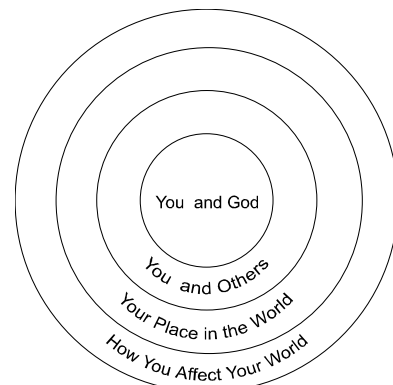
Thematic Units

Thematic Units are organized around a particular theme. For the sixth grade this theme is “Our Interdependent World.” This theme is then infused into all the basic subjects such as reading and science with hands on exploration. This is based on the idea that children learn best in the context of the “whole,” and when they can connect subjects together with the real world. The culminating unit involves a project that links the units studied to the student’s life. In sixth grade, this unit is “Interdependence in Your World.” The thematic units for sixth grade are:

Industrial Revolution	Civil War
Reconstruction Era	The Great Depression
Communism and The World Wars	Interdependence in Your World

The Big Picture

The curriculum can be translated into a visual model that looks like a target. In the center of the target is the child’s relationship with God which is the primary focus. As we move from the center, the child begins to understand how he or she relates to others, how he or she has a place in this world and finally how this world is affected by the child’s actions.



Subject	Curriculum	Projects/Units
History	Our Interdependent World	Industrial Revolution Reconstruction Era Communism and The World Wars Interdependence in Your World Civil War The Great Depression
Geography	Developed within History	Includes geography of the United States, Europe, the Far East, and the Pacific Rim
Bible	Developed within History	Minor Prophets, and the Books of Wisdom; Acts
Mathematics	Saxon 65, 76 or 87 (Placement Testing done at beginning of year)	<p><i>Numbers and Operations:</i> Includes identifying irrational numbers, prime factorization, adding and subtracting positive and negative numbers, ratios, and percentages</p> <p><i>Patterns, Functions, and Algebra:</i> Includes graphing points and working with negative and positive numbers on a graphing coordinate system</p> <p><i>Geometry, Spatial Sense, and Measurement:</i> Includes describing and classifying quadrilaterals and triangles, finding the area of circles and finding the volume of three dimensional figures</p> <p><i>Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability:</i> Includes determining the probability or chance of an event</p> <p><i>Representation:</i> Includes creating histograms and other charts and tables</p> <p><i>Problem Solving and Reasoning:</i> Includes applying geometric formulas or theorems</p>
Reading	Individual Novel Units	Includes novels such as <i>Letters From Rifka</i> , <i>A Chirstmas Carol</i> , <i>Journey to Topaz</i> , and <i>Shades of Gray</i> Vocabulary and reading comprehension activities are also utilized during the study of the novels
Writing	Write Source 2000 Level 6	<p>Journal Writing Autobiographical Writing Developing a Portfolio Expository Essays Poetry *Grammar is incorporated into the Writer's Express program</p> <p>Friendly Letters Biographical Writing Summaries Research Paper Persuasive Essays</p>
Spelling	Program developed within English	Involves identifying Greek and Latin roots of words and defining words used.
Typing	Mavis Beacon Typing Program	Beginning typing program utilized including posture, key strokes, and drills.
Science	Real Science 6	A course involving life, health, and physical science with an emphasis on earth science.