

The 5 Standards of Social Studies

1. *History* – The study of the past with help of written records. How has society changed over time?
2. *Geography* – The study of people, places, and the environment (landforms and bodies of water). What is the environment in which people live?
3. *Economics / Finance* – The study of ways in which people produce and exchange goods. How do people make a living?
4. *Government / Civics* – The people and groups of people that have the power to make laws and see that they are obeyed. Rights and responsibilities of citizens. How is society organized?
5. *Culture* – The beliefs, values, customs, and ways of living that a group of people share. Who are the people, and what are their values and beliefs?