Social Studies Georgia Standards of Excellence

Georgia Department of Education

Sixth Grade

**Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada, Europe, and Australia**

Sixth grade is the first year of a two-year World Area Studies course. Sixth grade students study

Latin America, Canada, Europe, and Australia. The goal of **this two-year course** is to acquaint

middle school students with the world in which they live. The geography domain includes both

**physical and human geography**. The intent of the geography domain is for students to begin to

grasp the importance geography plays in their everyday lives. The **government/civics** domain

focuses on selected types of government found in the various areas so that students begin to

understand the variety of governments in the world. The **economics** domain builds on the K-5

economics standards; however, the focus shifts from the United States to how other countries

**answer the basic questions of economics**. The **history** domain focuses on major events in each

region during the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.