

Summer Homework for Accelerated Social Studies

Thanks for choosing to participate in accelerated social studies. You have a lot of catching up to do since you did not take it in sixth grade. Time is very limited, so you are responsible for covering Africa and the Middle East independently.

Students NEW to Accelerated (You didn't have it in 6th grade.) should do the following:

1. You should read through all the sections in the book on Africa and Southwest Asia. All of the questions for these sections should be completed.
2. Create a poster of Africa that shows its different regions. Explain what type of physical features are found in each area and how life for people is affected by where they live. Use the regions that are described on pages 11. (Sahara Desert, Sahel, savanna, tropical rainforest, Kalarhari Desert)
3. Create a pamphlet, chart or some other type of organizer that discusses Africa's environmental issues. See pages 22-25 for this.
4. Create a chart of Africa's different ethnic groups that are described in your book. Your chart should have the name of the group, religions/religious beliefs, and accomplishments. Use your book and research online to find additional information.
5. Be sure you can define the different types of government and economies listed in the book. You should be able to identify a country's economy or government based on a description of it. You do NOT have to write the definitions. Just make sure you know them.
6. Create a Google Slides presentation on South Africa's apartheid. Tell what took place, how people's lives were affected and how it finally ended. You should have at least 5 slides. Be sure to include Nelson Mandela and F. W. Deklerk.

Southwest Asia

1. Complete all questions in the Southwest Asia section of your book.
2. On a regular sized sheet of notebook paper, create a poster that describes what OPEC is and its role in the world's economy. What is its primary function? What countries belong to it?
3. Create a chart of the ethnic groups in Southwest Asia. See pages 88 and 89 for this. Your chart should already tell the name of the group, language, where they are located, religious beliefs and 3 additional facts. You will have to use additional resources for the 3 extra facts.
4. Create a chart of the 3 monotheistic religious groups in SW Asia. Tell the following: founder, holy text(s), basic beliefs, different sects. You will need to use additional sources to complete this research.
5. Create a slide presentation that summarizes US involvement in the Middle East. You should have at least two slides for: the Persian Gulf War, 9/11, War in Afghanistan, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Your slides must explain why these events took place, why the US was involved and how they were resolved.
6. For economy and government, you should know the vocabulary for these two sections. You do NOT have to write the definitions. Just know them.

Finally, you should complete the courses for Africa and the Middle East/Southwest Asia on Study Island. Please read the lessons for these. They are very helpful.

*Pay attention to words in bold and the questions you are completing. You will be responsible for knowing these ON YOUR OWN. I will not be reteaching any of Africa or Southwest Asia.

