

# Year 8 Humanities and Social Sciences

## Semester 1 Course Outline

This semester is divided into two major units. In the first term students will investigate *Medieval Europe* (c.590 – c.1500). This unit focuses on investigating ways of life in Medieval Europe including social, cultural, economic and political features and the roles and relationships of different groups in society. Students will research and analyse the impact of significant individuals and cultural achievements whilst looking at continuity and change across the time period.

In the second term students study *Landforms and Landscapes*. This unit examines the processes that shape individual landforms, the values and meanings placed on landforms and landscapes by diverse cultures, hazards associated with landscapes, and management of landscapes.

### Learning Outcomes

Students will be assessed on the following Learning Outcomes:

- 8.692 Recognises and explains patterns of change and continuity over time
- 8.693 Explains the causes and effects of events and developments
- 8.695 Explains the significance of individuals and groups and how they were influenced by the beliefs and values of society
- 8.701 Interpreting sources, can identify origin and purpose, and distinguish between fact and opinion
- 8.702 Develops texts, particularly descriptions and explanations, incorporating analysis
- 8.703 Uses historical terms and concepts, identifies evidence in sources, and acknowledges sources of information when developing texts and organising and presenting findings
- 8.739 Explains geographical processes that influence the characteristics of places and explains how places are perceived and valued differently
- 8.740 Explains interconnections within environments and between people and places and explains how can change places and environments
- 8.741 Compares alternative strategies to a geographical challenge, taking into account environmental, economic and social factors
- 8.743 Evaluates a range of primary and secondary sources to locate useful and reliable information and data
- 8.746 Presents findings, arguments and ideas using relevant geographical terminology and digital technologies in a range of appropriate communication forms

### Assessment Tasks

Students will be assessed on their participation and completion of classwork and assessment tasks.

Task	Week Due*
Class work	Ongoing
Ancient World Hyperdoc	Term 1, Week 3
Research and analysis task	Term 2, Week 9
Perspectives on Landscapes	Term 1, Week 8

\*Due dates are an estimate only

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