



General Aim of the subject

The Social Studies course for native Arab speakers is based on the National Curriculum of the UAE. Students learn about the unity of the Emirates and also cover topics such as the society of the Emirates past and present. Students use a variety of sources e.g. maps, graphs, tables, atlases, photographs and statistics in a critical manner, and explore and cover many skills such as: knowledge, understanding, communication, research and organization.

Social Studies curriculum for Non Arabic students is designed and prescribed by the UAE Ministry of Education. The curriculum explores the social systems present in the UAE, cultural and traditional identity of the country, Spirit of the Union that led to the formation of the UAE and its liberation in 1972. In KS3 the focus is on GCC Arab countries and in a wide range the curriculum introduces all Asian and African Arab countries in addition to the Islamic expansion from Arabia to the outside world and its great influence in the Arabian culture and tradition. Formal examinations are done at the end of each academic year in addition to the informal, summative and formative assessments being done throughout the year.

Year 8 Curriculum Content

Number of lessons per timetable cycle: 6

Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Topic	Our Arabian Gulf Similarities of Natural Characteristics of the Arabian Gulf Region The Importance of the Arabian Gulf Location Topography & Climate Vegetation and Livestock wealth	Social Anthropology of the Arabian Gulf Populations of the Gulf Arab States The Common Features of the Arabian Gulf people	Co Operation among the Gulf Arab States The Gulf Arab States The Advantage of cooperation among the states The Arab Gulf states
Assessment	Assessments based on knowledge and understanding, and geography skills; Activities and exercises given on page 12 Activities and exercises given on page 14, 15, 16 & 17 Activities and exercises given on page 18, 19 Activities and exercises given on page 20, 21 & 23, 24, 25	Assessments based on knowledge and understanding, and geography skills; Activities and exercises given on page 28 Activities and exercises given on page 29, 30 & 31 Activities and exercises given on page 36, 40, 46-58 & 59	Assessments based on knowledge and understanding, and geography skills; Activities and exercises given on page 60, 61 and 62 in the text book Activities and exercises given on page 74, 75 Activities and exercises given on page 79, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88 & 89

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