



Philosophy of Social Studies / History Education

At Sanborn Christian School, we are charged with the God-given task of educating under God's word for serving Him in His world. As a result, Social Studies as a subject can't help but lead students to recognize and stand in awe at God's redemptive plan that has been so providentially orchestrated for His glory since the beginning of time. When students are taught to recognize God's redemptive plan in history, we are then able to help them understand how they fit in that narrative as His chosen and beloved children who are being equipped to serve Him in His world until that day when Christ shall return.

Starting from square one, we acknowledge our need for a Savior. Sin has separated us from God and has caused us to live in a world of rebellion. We study and can see the effects of this in Social Studies and we can continue to address how we may battle these patterns in the future as well. What is our response to this rebellion as God's chosen and beloved children? To recognize our dependence on God, recognize the magnitude in which Christ went to to redeem us as His chosen and beloved children, and then to respond with hearts of gratitude for all that our faithful God has done for us. In Social Studies, we can equip our students to identify how we are able to live our gratitude for God through our mandate to be used as His instruments to bring about redemption and restoration to a broken world.

One key way in which Christians can lead the charge as examples of Christ-adoring disciples is through our work in the home, church, school, and culture. Recognizing the magnitude and grandeur of God's authority and sovereignty over our entire lives leads us to want to live for Him. Teaching Social Studies in light of this truth and this worldview equips our students to not only learn more about God and His world but also enables them to serve God in His world. This also impacts how we understand the immediate family structure in which God designed for us to be a part of as well as our covenantal family in Christ that God has grafted us into. Teaching students to appreciate others and to respond to different types of people and their needs enables them to fulfill their calling to be effective citizens in our country and most importantly effective citizens in the Kingdom of God.

At Sanborn Christian School we strive for our students to learn in light of God's word for serving Him in His world. Our worldview requires action in serving, understanding, and impacting God's world around us. Through the content and methods of Social Studies, we can effectively train our students to take their worldview and put it into practice. This of course allows them to be effective and productive citizens but most importantly, the Lord Willing, enables them to be instruments of healing, redemption and hope to a hurt, lost, and hopeless society. May God be praised and may His will be done through our task of teaching Social Studies to the next generation of Christ-adoring disciples.