

**Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School
Social Studies Department
6th – 8th Curriculum**

Overarching Grade-Span Thematic Essential Question:

How does understanding the past help us to understand the present?

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1. Why do people live and move where they do? (*Geography & Human Migration*)
2. Why do people live the way they do? (*Culture*)
3. How and why do humans organize their societies the way they do? (*Civics, Government*)
4. How does technology affect people's lives? (*Technology, Innovation*)
5. How has conflict and cooperation shaped human history? (*Warfare, World Politics*)
6. How has the quest for resources affected human history? (*Economics*)
7. How do we know what we know about human history? (*Historiography, Social Sciences*)
8. Why do civilizations rise and decline? (*Impact of Civilization*)