

Grade 5 Social Science

Term 1:

History:

- Life in the time of Jesus
- Lessons from the Bible
- Hunter gatherers
- The San
- Khoi-khoi

Geography:

- World map – continents and oceans
- Compass directions
- Longitudinal lines
- Width lines
- Boundaries: what are they and why are they needed
- Open and closed borders
- What does the Bible say about boundaries?
- Africa – countries
- Africa – interesting physical (geographical) facts
- South Africa: neighbouring countries and interesting facts

Term 2:

History:

- David Livingstone
- Xhosa culture
- Zulu culture

Geography:

- Physical relief
- Physical relief of South Africa
- South Africa: provinces
- River systems
- Dams and rivers in SA
- Amazon River
- South Africa's rivers and mountains

Term 3:

History:

- Ancient civilizations

Ancient Egypt

- Importance of the Nile River
- Pyramids, Faroes and mummies
- Antique means of transport
- Egyptian writing and writing implements

Geography:

Weather and Climate

- What affects the climate?
- Elements of the weather
- The influence of mountains on the weather
- Clouds - types
- Temperature
- Global warming
- Rain, hail and snow: how are they formed?

History:

- Trans-Saharan route
- What is trade?
- Kingdom of Ghana
- Kingdom of Mali

Term 4:

Geography:

- Earthly treasures: What does the Bible say?
- Fossil fuels
- Renewable and non-renewable
- 2 types of mining: Surface mining – 2 types
 Underground mining – 5 types

- Processing of minerals
- Hazards of mining

Mining in SA

- Gold
- Diamonds
- Platinum
- Copper
- Silver