**Grade 7**

**Contemporary Cultures: 1600 to the Present**

**Standard 7-1:** The student will demonstrate an understanding of the growth and impact of global trade on world civilizations after 1600.

**Indicators** (what we’re learning)

**7-1.1** Compare the colonial claims and the expansion of European powers through 1770.

**7-1.2** Explain how technological and scientific advances contributed to the power of European nations.

**7-1.3** Summarize the policy of **mercantilism** as a way of building a nation’s wealth, including government policies to control trade.

**7-1.4** Analyze the beginnings of **capitalism** and the ways that it was affected by **mercantilism**, the developing **market economy**, international trade, and the rise of the middle class.

**7-1.5** Compare the differing ways that European nations developed political and economic influences, including trade and settlement patterns, on the continents of Asia, Africa, and the Americas.