Studies at a Glance

Cluster 1
Understanding Societies
Past and Present

Students will...

8.1.1 What Is a World View?
- Explain the concept of world view.
- Describe influences that create differences in world views. Examples: culture, time, place, cross-cultural interactions, media, governance...
- Be willing to consider differing world views.

8.1.2 Origins of Human Societies
- Relate various stories and theories of the origin and development of human life.
- Identify the characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages of a hunter-gatherer way of life.
- Describe the development of agrarian societies and explain how they differed from hunter-gatherer societies. Examples: food surplus, movement from nomadic to sedentary, division of labour, growth of villages and cities...

8.1.3 Societies and Civilizations
- Compare and contrast the concepts of society and civilization.
- Give reasons why societies may stay the same or change over time. Examples: culture, education, trade, power, war...
- Describe ways in which societies organize, maintain, and perpetuate themselves. Examples: physical survival, education, culture...
- Give examples of the influence of the natural environment on the development of societies.
- Appreciate the importance of sustaining the natural environment for future societies.

8.1.4 Knowing the Past
- Identify various sources of historical evidence and information and explain how each enhances understanding of the past. Include: archeology, artifacts, literature, art, music, biographies, journals, photographs, oral histories.
- Explain the importance of knowing the past and understanding history.