

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade West Virginia Studies  
Pacing Guide**

SIX WEEKS SCHEDULE	NINE WEEKS SCHEDULE
<p align="center"><b>Unit 1</b> Geography 1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks</p> <p align="center"><b>Unit 2</b> Early America 2<sup>nd</sup> Six Weeks</p> <p align="center"><b>Unit 3</b> Conflict Shapes West Virginia 3<sup>rd</sup> Six Weeks Techsteps Unit 3: “<i>Issue to Action</i>”</p> <p align="center"><b>Unit 4</b> State and Federal Government 4<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks</p> <p align="center"><b>Unit 5</b> Economics 5<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks</p> <p align="center"><b>Unit 6</b> People 6<sup>th</sup> Six Weeks</p>	<p align="center"><b>Grading Period 1</b> <b>Unit 1</b> Geography- 6 weeks <b>Unit 2</b> Early America- first 3 weeks of unit</p> <p align="center"><b>Grading Period 2</b> <b>Unit 2</b> Early America- last 3 weeks of unit <b>Unit 3</b> Conflict Shapes West Virginia -6 weeks Techsteps Unit 3: “<i>Issue to Action</i>”</p> <p align="center"><b>Grading Period 3</b> <b>Unit 4</b> State and Federal Government- 6 weeks <b>Unit 5</b> Economics -first 3 weeks of unit</p> <p align="center"><b>Grading Period 4</b> <b>Unit 5</b> Economics- last 3 weeks of unit <b>Unit 6</b> People -6 weeks</p>
<p><b>Students will read a total of 25 books per year across the curriculum.</b></p>	

**MODIFICATIONS:** In the suggestions and link to social studies section, the final standard will be addressed as the two disciplines collaborate on readings in an interdisciplinary fashion.

**Writing Roadmap:** All students should complete a minimum of one Writing Roadmap assignment based upon the type of writing taught during the grading period. Coordinate with Reading Language Arts to teach across the curriculum.

**Benchmark Windows**

- Benchmark 1-** October 25-November 20
- Benchmark 2-** January 20-February 15
- Benchmark 3-** March 25-April 25
- Benchmark 4-** Westest 2- last two weeks of May

Teachers: Please make use of the “reports” section of the Acuity site to monitor student progress and modify instruction as needed.

The central office will schedule the benchmark test window. Students on block will take benchmark tests on a 4 ½ week schedule. The school principal will be required to contact the central office for scheduling these 4 ½ week exams.