Grade 8 Key Terms

The following terms and concepts are included within the general and specific outcomes. The definitions are provided to facilitate a better understanding and an effective application of the social studies concepts presented.

**adaptation** - Changing attitudes and behaviours to suit a new situation.

**contact** - Connection or interaction, communication, association and relationship.

**humanist** - Pertaining to humanism: a system of thought that centres on humans and their values, capacities and worth; concern with the interests, needs and welfare of humans.

**imperialism** - Policy of a country or empire to extend its authority or domination by political, economic or military means and cause another state/government to become dependant on them politically or economically.

**intercultural** - Of, relating to, involving or representing different cultures.

**isolation** - Relating to isolationism: foreign policy whereby a nation resists participating in the affairs of the international community by abstaining from any political, economic or international relationship.

**Renaissance** - The humanistic revival of classical art, architecture, literature and learning that originated in Italy in the 14th century.

**social structures** - Organization models within a society that reflect the values and interests of the members of that society.

**society** - Group of persons linked by common activities or interests and sharing public space.

**worldview** - A collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or group. The overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world.