***Course Outline…Grade Eight Social Studies***

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Program Overview: **Students will explore and appreciate the unique physical features of Atlantic Canada; the diverse cultural, ethnic, and historical backgrounds that exist in Atlantic Canada; the economic issues and challenges they face; the role of technology in the past, present, and future; and the importance of world view for effective global citizenship.**

Text: “**Atlantic Canada in the Global Community”**

**Organizational Themes**

**Theme One: Physical Setting**

* **Size and location of Atlantic Canada**
* **Physical features of the region**
* **Weather and climate patterns**
* **Settlement patterns**

**Theme Two: Culture**

* **Concept of culture**
* **Cultural, linguistic, and ethnic groups of the region**
* **Cultural diversity**
* **Government in our lives**

**Theme Three: Economics**

* **Role of basic economic principles**
* **Sectors of the economy**
* **Role of entrepreneurship**
* **Our economic outlook**

**Theme Four: Technology**

* **Technology in everyday life: Then and Now**
* **Technology in transportation and communication**
* **Technology and resources**
* **Technology at work**

**Theme Five: Interdependence**

* **Global Citizenship**
* **Global co-operation**
* **Global connections in the environment, economy, and technology**
* **A vision of the future**

Course Evaluation: **Each of the five themes are articulated through a set of specific curriculum outcomes and learning outcomes. Wherever appropriate and possible, current events, issues, and examples will be incorporated into the course content. This will make the course more interesting and relevant for the students.**

**A great deal of group work and class discussion will be encouraged. Students will also be evaluated using daily assignments, projects, tests, and mapping. This is a full year course so it’s important for all students to attend regularly, keep organized, and hand assignments in on time and well done.**

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