



AREA STUDIES

As part of Amazon's continued excellence in the study of English and English speaking countries, all third year students will take an Area Studies class, focusing on the United States and Canada.

Learning about countries around the world increases students' ability to become contributing members of society, not only in their own country, but throughout the world. In order to facilitate this contribution, students will begin with a brief history of the United States, its founding, and its government. From there, we will do individual studies of the five regions of the United States. Learning about the individual regions will allow us to later compare and contrast the regions with one another and with other countries around the world. The final part of our class will focus on Canada, with special attention given to its political system and small, but diverse population.

Examples of our topics of study include:

- History of Native Americans in North America
- United States and Canadian government and politics
- Human-environment interactions
- Physical Geography of the U.S. and Canada
- Cultural patterns and differences
- Political divisions and elections

We will employ classroom discussions, projects, presentations, and real life examples from teachers native to these countries in order to allow an in-depth examination of these topics.

The course will provide students with a greater understanding of The United States of America and Canada, while giving students the vocabulary and skills needed to discuss geography and related topics using the English language.