

 **Subject: Social Studies**

 **Class: JSS1**

 **Term: First Term**

 **Week 1**

 **Topic: Introduction to Social Studies**

◆ **Sub-topic: *Meaning, Scope, and Nature of Social Studies***

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### **Lesson Objectives**

By the end of the lesson, students should be able to:

1. Define Social Studies.
  2. Explain the scope of Social Studies.
  3. Describe the nature of Social Studies.
  4. Appreciate the importance of studying Social Studies.
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### **I. Meaning of Social Studies**

Social Studies is the **study of human beings**, their **relationships with each other**, and with their **environment**.

It helps us understand how society works and how we can live together in peace and unity.

**In simple terms:**

Social Studies teaches us **how to behave well**, **respect others**, and **solve problems in our communities**.

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### **II. Scope of Social Studies**

The scope of Social Studies refers to the areas or subjects it covers. It is broad and includes:

1. **Human relationships** – how people live and interact.
2. **Culture and values** – beliefs, traditions, and morals.
3. **Civic responsibilities** – obeying laws, voting, being good citizens.

4. **The environment** – how people use and protect natural resources.
  5. **Government and leadership** – how countries are ruled.
  6. **Economy** – how goods and services are produced and shared.
  7. **History and heritage** – learning about past events and ancestors.
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### III. Nature of Social Studies

The **nature** of Social Studies means its **features and characteristics**:

- **Integrated subject**: Combines knowledge from history, geography, government, economics, and more.
  - **Problem-solving**: Helps students find solutions to real-life problems.
  - **Value-laden**: Teaches good morals and acceptable behaviors.
  - **Human-centered**: Focuses on people and their daily lives.
  - **Practical**: Uses real-life examples and encourages active participation.
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### IV. Importance of Social Studies

- Promotes **peaceful living** in society.
- Helps students become **responsible citizens**.
- Encourages **national unity** and **respect for other cultures**.
- Builds skills like **critical thinking**, **cooperation**, and **decision-making**.
- Teaches **rights and duties** of citizens.