

# Social Studies, The Study Of People, Is Vital Today

Social studies, or the social sciences, cover a large area. They include history, geography, and economics, but their main area of study is social and involves people. All history, geography, and economics concerns people. The social nature of human beings is the source of man's history, man's need to study geography and man's economic system.

Courses offered at Hughes in the social-studies field include geography, world, modern and American history, civics, world geography and socio-economic problems. These courses can be chosen on an elective basis by upperclassmen. Students in the seventh and eighth grades are required to take a general social studies course, which gives them a basic background in history, geography and some aspects of sociology and economics. Ninth and tenth-grade students can elect such courses as world geography, civics, world or modern history. Eleventh-grade students study American history. Twelfth-grade students may elect a course in socio-economic problems, which deals with economics and sociology, as related to each other.

The social studies department of Hughes has much equipment to enhance the studies. Some detailed maps show not only the geography of the world, but also mineral resources, industrial strength or other economic conditions. Numerous films and filmstrips procured through the Board of Education provide visual study. Magazines and newspapers are used as further reference materials in some courses.

Social studies are often overlooked in today's scientific era, but the study of the world and its peoples is essential. Social studies, therefore, must be concentrated upon, in order to enable citizens to live better with the other nations of the world.

Miss Johnstone's American history class discusses world affairs.



Filmstrips are used to provide added information. Here Ronald Ramsey runs the filmstrip projector in Miss Hollweck's world geography class.

