

# Teaching of Social Science

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### **Aims and objectives of teaching Social Sciences in the secondary school curriculum of our country.**

Determination of aims and objectives are absolutely essential. An aimless life is like a boat without rather. Likewise and aimless subject has no fruit at all. For achieving success in activity of life, clear and well-defined aim is essential.

The main aim of teaching of social science is man and his relationship with his environment. The environment place an important role in building up the personality. Teaching of social science may help that child to understand his environmental and adjust himself to his constantly changing environment.

#### **Aims of teaching social science in secondary schools:**

following are some of the important aims and objectives of teaching social science at the school state of education.

1. Training of citizenship: modern age is the age of democracy. Therefore, the responsibility of every state is to create ideal citizens. All the citizens should be enabled to know about their rights and duties. So, the function of education is to make the citizens conscious about their rights and duties. If that's the study of social science can be properly organized, we can reach the goal of preparing democratic citizens.
2. To promote national character: Men and society have ever lasting relationship. The development of society is dependent upon individual. It is essential that its members should hold ideal character to make the society strong and revitalized.
3. To develop full understanding: The pupil must understand the interrelationship of all the elements of his environment. Because the knowledge of past and present geographical, historical, social and economic environment is of very helpful to the future citizens of state.
4. To build up social competence: Man is a social animal. Due to adjust himself to the social environment he needs education. Education helps him for his all-round development. The most important function of education is to enable that child with social environment which is continuously being modified. Hence, the aim of teaching social science should be to help the individual child to understand the nature of human relationship.
5. To develop desirable qualities of a child: It is one of the aims of teaching social sciences to develop desirable qualities of a child, such as spontaneity , self-reliance, flexibility of mind, clear thinking, standards of action , impetus ; appreciation etc. So, social sciences seeks to develop attitudes of cooperation, tolerance brotherhood and good neighbor lines.
6. To give a sense of belongingness: The whole universe is begging for peace and prosperity. Every possible mutual understanding should be made regarding relationship of men to men and nation to

nation. Men should be made to cross the bars of familism, provincialism and nationalism. He may feel that he belongs to a great family which comprises the entire world.

7. Sense of interdependence: another name of teaching social sciences is to make our children realize the fact that men, nation and world are interdependent. In the progress of human civilization, the mutual interdependence has been increasing day by day. Children residing in towns should learn their dependence upon the production of villages. This will promote international understanding and respect for humanity.

8. To foster national feeling : especially aim of teaching this subject is to create a desire in the children to perpetuate those principles of justice and humanity that control the life of a nation. That children of today are that citizens of tomorrow. So, the future of India is dependent upon them. It is necessary that the children should be made to realize the economy of individualism which has to be replaced by socialism.

9. To promote international understanding: teaching of social sciences will help the students about international cooperation. It provides attitude and emotion of fellow feelings and imbibe cooperative spirit which is a contribution towards world peace. So, social sciences teaches the students to do in combination and realize the maximum- " each for all and all for each".

### **Objectives of teaching social sciences:**

So far we have discussed the aims of teaching social sciences. Let us now discuss some of the important objectives of teaching social sciences under the following heads-

1. To enable the students to develop insights and skills required for democratic citizens.
2. To help the students to acquaint with their past and present, socio economic , cultural and geographical environments.
3. To enable the students to adjust themselves to changing circumstances, atmosphere, and environment of their life.
4. To help them to appreciate the role of UNO and India's contribution towards the maintenance of world peace.
5. To develop them to understand the mutual interaction of various cultures that has been an important factor in the progress of mankind.
6. To provide for clear thinking , critical judgment and flexibility of mind of students.
7. To provide the students to take a keen interest in the ways people live true, various social- economic and political institutions.
8. To foster understanding of contemporary developments and problems in India as well as the world.
9. To enable the pupils to promote the values and ideas of humanism, secularism, collectivism and democracy.
10. To enable the children to foster attitudes of knowledge, life and learning that are appropriate to the present day.

Conclusion: but aims and objectives of teaching different subject in our secondary schools have undergone a great change during the 20th century. That change in itself demands new aims and a

new curriculum. In order to teach social studies with a view to cope with the changing minds of the present day society at the aforesaid aims and objectives should be taken into consideration.