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The Investigation on the Program of Geography Subjects in the Sixth Grade of the Primary Schools Social Studies Course

ABSTRACT

The subject matter of this masters thesis prepared in Adnan Menderes Social Sciences Institute Primary School Social Studies Teaching is “the investigation on the program of geography subjects in the sixth grade of the primary schools Social Studies course.”

Social Studies Program which was initiated in 1998 was replaced with a brand new program in 2005. This new program has brought significant changes. In order to determine and evaluate these changes sixth grade geography subjects both old and new ones were examined through scanning method.

This study has four main chapters. In chapter I, the main components of the education program were explained through describing the concepts concerning the education program. In chapter II, the historical background of the Social Studies and Geography education in primary schools curricula are presented. In chapter III, the old (1998) and the new (2005) programs are analyzed and compared. In chapter IV, a Geography subject from the new program is selected and a model proposal is prepared according to the Multiple Intelligence Theory. In the conclusion and suggestions chapter, the results achieved by means of the data are revealed and suggestions are presented for the implementation of the program and for future studies.

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