

GRADE 2 SOCIAL STUDIES

Unit 1 Culture: We Live Together

Students will:

Understand we belong to various groups

Understand we belong to communities

Communities have laws

Understand the 3 types of communities-urban, suburban, and rural

Understand customs, traditions and culture

Many types of people make up communities

Unit 2

Geography: Exploring Earth

Students will:

Understand that location is how we describe where places and things are

Identify the connections between state, country and continent

Identify the difference between landforms and different bodies of water

Understand the features of the four seasons

Identify different types of dangerous weather

Understand that natural resources are things that occur in nature that we use.

Identify resources that can be easily replaced and ones that cannot

Understand how we can change the Earth and how we can preserve it

China

Students will:

- learn the Yellow and the Yangtze rivers
- know the teachings of Confucius
- learn about the Great Wall of China
- learn about the invention of paper and the importance of silk
- learn about Chinese New Year

Japan

Students will:

- learn that Japan is made up of four major islands
- identify the Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Japan
- learn about Mt. Fuji
- learn about Tokyo
- identify the Japanese flag
- learn about origami and the kimono

Geography of the Americas

North America

Students will:

- identify North American, Canada, the United States and Mexico
- identify the fifty states

South America

Students will:

- know that Brazil is the largest country in South America
- learn about the rain forests

Symbols and Figures

Students will:

- recognize and become familiar with the United States flag, Statue of Liberty, and the Lincoln Memorial

American History

War of 1812

Students will:

- know the American government is based on the Constitution
- learn James Madison is the Father of the Constitution
- learn about the War of 1812
- learn about James and Dolly Madison
- learn that the British burned the White House
- learn about Francis Scott Key and the Star Spangled Banner

Westward Expansion

Students will:

- know the means of travel to the west
- know Robert Fulton
- know about the Pony Express
- know the routes west

Native Americans

Students will:

- know Sequoia and the Cherokee alphabet
- learn about the Trail of Tears

The Civil War

Students will:

- learn about slavery
- know Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad
- know Clara Barton is founder of the American Red Cross
- know President Abraham Lincoln
- learn about the Emancipation Proclamation

Civil Rights

Students will:

- Know Susan B. Anthony, Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Robinson, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Immigration and Citizenship

Students will:

- learn that America is perceived as land of opportunity
- learn about the significance of the Statue of Liberty
- learn that American citizens have certain rights and responsibilities
- learn how to become an American citizen

Materials

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Instruction

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