

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

Unit 3

Long Ago and Today

Students will:

- Understand that there are many differences between life long ago and today
- Understand the difference groups that settled in different areas. Note that many Native Americans tried to be friendly to the settlers.
- Understand why settlers left England.
- Identify King George, Paul Revere, and the Declaration of Independence.
- Understand that pioneers explored the west, sometimes pushing Native Americans off their land.
- Identify the Trail of Tears
- Understand the conflict of the Civil War.
- Identify Harriet Tubman, President Lincoln, slavery and the Underground Railroad.

Unit 4

Students will:

- Understand the difference between wants and needs.
- Identify ways to save money when money is scarce.
- Understand that people do a variety of jobs.

- Note that goods can be grown on a farm, made at home or produced in a factory.
- Understand trading with other countries.
- Understand that producers grow or make things to sell and consumers use the goods.
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Unit 5

How the Government Works

Students will:

- Understand that elected government runs the community, state, and country.
- Identify the plan for our national government as the Constitution.
- Identify the three branches of the U.S. government and the responsibility of each branch.
- Identify Washington, D. C. as the capital of the United States.
- Identify the several monuments and memorial there,
- Understand that the state government is organized like our federal government with a leader, lawmakers and judges.
- Identify state symbols
- Identify the leader of a city as the mayor.
- Identify the three parts of a local government.
- Understand the meaning of justice and how it is represented in our symbols.
- Identify immigrants want to live in the United States.

Materials

- MacMillan People and Places
- Teacher and Student editions
- Posters
- Maps
- Computer
- Smartboard
- United Streaming
- Brain Pop Jr.
- Resource Books

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