

History and Geography– Grade 4

The purpose of the Fourth Grade Social Studies program is to educate the children about the geography, economy, people, heritage and history of the 5 Regions of the United States of America. This is taught using many different learning strategies, helping children with different learning abilities.

The Northeast

- Geography:
 - Children will be able to identify where on a map each state in the Northeast is located.
 - Children will be able to identify the two letter Postal Abbreviation and the Capital for each state in the Northeast Region.
 - Children will learn about the landforms, lakes, rivers, etc. of the Northeast Region.

- Economy:
 - Children will learn about the natural resources of the Northeast Region.
 - Children will learn about different industries that the Northeast Region is known for.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Northeast use the resources around them to produce goods and services needed to survive.
 - Children will learn about how the economy of the Northeast Region has changed over time.

- People:
 - Children will learn about the cultures and ethnicities of the people living in the Northeast Region.
 - Children will learn about the traditions and festivals in the Northeast Region.
 - Children will learn about the history and heritage of the people in the Northeast Region.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Northeast Region has changed over time.

The Southeast

- Geography:
 - Children will be able to identify where on a map each state in the Southeast is located.
 - Children will be able to identify the two letter Postal Abbreviation and the Capital for each state in the Southeast Region.
 - Children will learn about the landforms, lakes, rivers, etc. of the Southeast Region.

- Economy:
 - Children will learn about the natural resources of the Southeast Region.
 - Children will learn about different industries that the Southeast Region is known for.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Southeast use the resources around them to produce goods and services needed to survive.
 - Children will learn about how the economy of the Southeast Region has changed over time.

- People:
 - Children will learn about the cultures and ethnicities of the people living in the Southeast Region.
 - Children will learn about the traditions and festivals in the Southeast Region.
 - Children will learn about the history and heritage of the people in the Southeast Region.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Southeast Region has changed over time.

The Midwest

- Geography:
 - Children will be able to identify where on a map each state in the Midwest is located.
 - Children will be able to identify the two letter Postal Abbreviation and the Capital for each state in the Midwest Region.
 - Children will learn about the landforms, lakes, rivers, etc. of the Midwest Region.

- Economy:
 - Children will learn about the natural resources of the Midwest Region.
 - Children will learn about different industries that the Midwest Region is known for.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Midwest use the resources around them to produce goods and services needed to survive.
 - Children will learn about how the economy of the Midwest Region has changed over time.

- People:
 - Children will learn about the cultures and ethnicities of the people living in the Midwest Region.
 - Children will learn about the traditions and festivals in the Midwest Region.
 - Children will learn about the history and heritage of the people in the Midwest Region.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Midwest Region has changed over time.

The Southwest

- Geography:
 - Children will be able to identify where on a map each state in the Southwest is located.
 - Children will be able to identify the two letter Postal Abbreviation and the Capital for each state in the Southwest Region.
 - Children will learn about the landforms, lakes, rivers, etc. of the Southwest Region.

- Economy:
 - Children will learn about the natural resources of the Southwest Region.
 - Children will learn about different industries that the Southwest Region is known for.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Southwest use the resources around them to produce goods and services needed to survive.

- Children will learn about how the economy of the Southwest Region has changed over time.
- People:
 - Children will learn about the cultures and ethnicities of the people living in the Southwest Region.
 - Children will learn about the traditions and festivals in the Southwest Region.
 - Children will learn about the history and heritage of the people in the Southwest Region.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the Southwest Region has changed over time.

The West

- Geography:
 - Children will be able to identify where on a map each state in the West is located.
 - Children will be able to identify the two letter Postal Abbreviation and the Capital for each state in the West Region.
 - Children will learn about the landforms, lakes, rivers, etc. of the West Region.
- Economy:
 - Children will learn about the natural resources of the West Region.
 - Children will learn about different industries that the West Region is known for.
 - Children will learn about how the people of the West use the resources around them to produce goods and services needed to survive.
 - Children will learn about how the economy of the West Region has changed over time.
- People:
 - Children will learn about the cultures and ethnicities of the people living in the West Region.
 - Children will learn about the traditions and festivals in the West Region.

- Children will learn about the history and heritage of the people in the West Region.
- Children will learn about how the people of the West Region has changed over time.

Our Nation's Story

- Children will read about the people, places and events that shaped our nation. Including:
 - The First Americans
 - Some of the Causes, Events and Battles of the Revolutionary War
 - Our Nation's Birth
 - How Our Nation Grew
 - Some of the Causes, Events and Battles of the Civil War
 - How the world has changed over time and the effects on the geography, people and economy
 - Our Nation and World today, and what the future may hold
 - Our Country's Climate
 - Our Country's Regions
 - How to run a business
 - Our Nation's Economy
 - State and Local Government
 - Our Nation's Government
 - Our Democratic Values

Map Skills

- Through the year children will learn:
 - How to identify all the regions, states and capitals of the United States of America on a map
 - How to read a timeline
 - How to use an elevation map
 - How to read line graphs
 - How to understand longitude and latitude
 - How to compare maps at different scales
 - How to read circle graphs
 - How to compare bar and line graphs
 - How to use special purpose maps
 - Use road maps

Materials

The materials used for the 4th grade social studies program are *MacMillan/McGraw-Hill, Timelinks* textbook.

Instruction

All concepts are introduced by a variety of different teaching methods, including direct instruction, group instruction, peer projects, individual projects, multi-sensory approach, and learning games. These concepts help set up and stabilize the building blocks for new concepts, which are built upon in higher grades.

Sources

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