

Fourth Grade Social Studies Course Description:

- In grade 4, students examine the history of Texas from the early beginnings to the present within the context of influences of North America. Historical content focuses on Texas history, including the Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas, annexation of Texas.
- Students discuss important issues, events, and individuals of the 19th, 20th, and 21st centuries.
- Students conduct a thorough study of regions in Texas and North America
- Students describe how early American Indians in Texas and North America met their basic economic needs
- Students identify motivations for European exploration and colonization and reasons for the establishment of Spanish settlements and missions
- Students explain how American Indians governed themselves
- Students identify characteristics of Spanish colonial and Mexican governments in Texas
- Students recite and explain the meaning of the Pledge to the Texas Flag
- Students identify the contributions of people of various groups to Texas
- Students describe the impact of science and technology on life in the state
- Students use critical thinking skills to identify cause-and-effect relationships, compare and contrast, and make generalizations and predictions

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2019-2020 Fourth Grade Year at a Glance

Grading Period & Unit	Instructional Topics	Instructional Points
1 st Grading Period: Regions & Exploration	Texas Symbols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important customs, symbols, and celebrations of Texas
	Map Skills & Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data The concept of regions Location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live How people adapt to and modify their environment
	Native Texans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Origins, similarities, and differences of American Indian groups in Texas and North America before European exploration Basic economic activities of early societies in Texas and North America How people organized governments in different ways during the early development of Texas
	Exploration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America Patterns of work and economic activities in Texas
2 nd Grading Period: Colonization & Independence	Colonization & Missions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America Basic economic activities of early societies in Texas and North America How people organized governments in different ways during the early development of Texas
	Colonies & Empresarios	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cause and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live How people adapt to and modify their environment Basic economic activities of early societies in Texas and North America
	Revolution & Independence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas and the annexation of Texas to the United States Important ideas in historical documents of Texas and the United States Important customs, symbols, and celebration of Texas
3 rd Grading Period: Entrepreneurs & Economics	Republic of Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States
	Annexation & the U.S.-Mexican War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States
	Civil War & Reconstruction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The political, economic, and social changes in Texas during the last half of the 19th century

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How people adapt to and modify their environment • Patterns of work and economic activities in Texas • Important customs, symbols, and celebrations of Texas
4 th Grading Period: Inventors & Innovators	Cattle, Railroads, & Oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political, economic, and social changes in Texas during the last half of the 19th century • Important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas • The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live
	20 th Century Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas • How Texas, the United States, and other parts of the world are economically interdependent
	Interdependence & Scientific Discoveries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of science and technology on life in Texas
	Government & Texas Heritage and Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of active individual participation in the democratic process • The importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic • The contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to Texas
	Economic Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How people adapt to and modify their environment • The characteristics and benefits of the free enterprise system in Texas • Patterns of work and economic activities in Texas