

2026-2027 Sumter County Intermediate School 4th Grade Social Studies Curriculum Map

Connecting Themes/Enduring Understandings Used in 4th Grade Social Studies

Students should be able to demonstrate understanding of selected themes (depending on the course) using knowledge and skills acquired during the school year. Understanding of these themes is not the end product of a single unit or lesson, but the product of long term, ongoing instruction. The bold terms represent the connecting themes that appear in multiple units throughout this course. Enduring understandings transcend specific units and courses and increase student understanding and retention of knowledge.

- **Beliefs and Ideals:** The student will understand that the beliefs and ideals of a society influence the social, political, and economic decisions of that society.
- **Conflict and Change:** The student will understand that when there is conflict between or within societies, change is the result.
- **Distribution of Power:** The student will understand that distribution of power in government is a product of existing documents and laws combined with contemporary values and beliefs.
- **Individuals, Groups, and Institutions:** The student will understand that the actions of individuals, groups, and/or institutions affect society through intended and unintended consequences.
- **Location:** The student will understand that location affects a society's economy, culture, and development.
- **Movement/Migration:** The student will understand that the movement or migration of people and ideas affects all societies involved.
- **Production, Distribution, Consumption:** The student will understand that the production, distribution, and consumption of goods/services produced by the society are affected by the location, customs, beliefs, and laws of the society.
- **Technology Innovation:** The student will understand that technological innovations have consequences, both intended and unintended, for a society.

1st 9 Weeks			2nd 9 Weeks	3rd 9 Weeks	4th 9 Weeks	
Unit/Title	Connecting Themes	Forming a New Nation	Challenges of a New Nation	The Nation Expands	Civil War and Reconstruction	Economics
GSE For Social Studies	NA	SS4H1, SS4CG1a, SS4G2a	SS4H2, SS4CG1b-d, SS4CG2, SS4CG3	SS4H3, SS4H4, SS4E1a, SS4E1d, f, SS4G1, SS4G2b	SS4H5,SS4H6, SS4E1c,SS4G1b	SS4E1a-f, SS4E2
Key Concepts	Beliefs & Ideals	Causes, events, and results of the American Revolution	The Articles of Confederation	War of 1812	Causes of the Civil War	Opportunity cost, price incentives, specialization, voluntary exchange, trade, technology’s impact on business productivity in
	Conflict & Change					
	Distribution of Power	Explain the Declaration of Independence	The Constitutional Convention	Impact of westward expansion on American Indians	Major Events the Civil War	
	Individuals, Groups		The Preamble	Territorial Expansion	Effects of the Civil War	

	& Institutions		Our form of government and checks & balances	Abolitionist and Suffragist movements	Social and Political	historical contexts
	Location		The First Amendment		Effects of Reconstruction	Personal budgets and decision making
	Movement/Migration		The Bill of Rights	Opportunity cost and voluntary exchange in historical context	Economic specialization in historical context	
	Production, Distribution & Consumption					
	Technology & Innovation					

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