Social Studies Standards: Kindergarten through 4th grade

Kindergarten	1st Grade	2 nd Grade	3 rd Grade	4 th Grade
Understands that being a good citizen involves acting in a certain way	Describes the rights and individual responsibilities of citizenship	Differentiates between things that happened long ago and things that happened yesterday	Describes physical and human geography and uses maps, tables, graphs, photographs, and charts to organize information about people, places, and environments	Demonstrates an understanding of the physical and human geographic features that define places and regions
 Matches simple descriptions of work that people do and the names of related jobs at the school, in the local community, and from historical accounts 	Compares and contrasts the locations of places and people and describes the physical and/or human characteristics of places	Demonstrates map skills by describing the locations of people, places, and environments	• Describes the contributions of Native Americans	Knows the relationship between population growth and resource use
Puts events in temporal order using a calendar, placing days, weeks, and moths in proper order	Knows and understands the symbols, icons, and traditions of the United States	• Explains governmental institutions and practices in the United States and other countries	Draws from historical and community resources to organize the sequence of local historical events	Explains the economic, social, and political life in a U.S. state
Understands that history relates to events, people, and places of other times	Compares and contrasts everyday life in different times and places around the world and recognizes that some aspects of people, places, and things change over time while others stay the same	Understands basic economic concepts and their individual roles in the economy and demonstrates basic reasoning skills	Understands the role of rules and laws in our daily lives and the basic structure of the U.S. government	Understands the structures, functions, and powers of the local, state, and federal governments as described in the U.S. Constitution
	Understands basic economic concepts	Understands the importance of individual action and character and explains how heroes from long ago and the recent past have made a difference in others' lives	Demonstrates basic economic reasoning skills and an understanding of economy	

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