



Course Name: Fourth Grade Social Studies

School Year: 2021-2022

Course Purpose and Relevance:

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 Historical content focuses on Texas history, including the Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas, and subsequent annexation to the United States. 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 resulting from human activity and from physical features. The location, distribution, and patterns of economic activities and settlement in Texas further enhance the concept of regions. 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 and 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 racial, ethnic, and religious groups to Texas and 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.

Students develop knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- History
- Geography
- Economics
- Government
- Culture
- Science, Technology, and Society
- Social Studies Skills

How to Assist Your Learner at Home:

Find access to a map of Texas, whether a paper copy you can fold or tack to a wall, or digital map you can bookmark for easy reference. Help your learner become familiar with the location of major cities in Texas, the border states, and the Gulf of Mexico. Create a timeline of Texas history together, and as your learner develops a deeper awareness of Texas history, add major events to the timeline.

Link to Course TEKS on State website:

[Fourth Grade Social Studies TEKS](#)

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Aug. 17-20	Unit 1: Launching Mind Missions – 2 weeks	
Aug. 23-27	*1	
Aug. 30-Sept. 3	Unit 2: The Regions of Texas – 3 weeks	
Sept. 7-10		Sept. 6-Labor Day
Sept. 13-17	** Celebrate Freedom Week **	
Sept. 20-24	*1 Unit 3: American Indians in Texas – 3 weeks	
Sept. 27-Oct. 1		
Oct. 4-8		End of 1 st Nine Weeks
Oct. 11-15	*2 Unit 4: Early Exploration of Texas – 5 weeks	Oct. 12 -Columbus Day
Oct. 18-22		
Oct. 25-29		
Nov. 1-5		
Nov. 8-12		
Nov. 15-19	Unit 5: Colonization of Texas –4 weeks	
Nov. 22-26	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Week
Nov. 29-Dec. 3		
Dec. 6-10		
Dec. 13-17		End of 2 nd Nine Weeks
Dec. 20-31	Winter Break	Winter Break
Jan. 3-7	*3 Unit 6: The Texas Revolution – 5 weeks	Jan. 3- Campus PL day, Jan 4 District PL
Jan. 10-14		
Jan. 18-21		Jan. 17 th - MLK Holiday
Jan. 24-28		
Jan. 31-Feb. 4		
Feb. 7-11	*3 Unit 7: Texas Becomes a State – 4 weeks	
Feb. 14-18		
Feb. 21-25		
Feb. 28-March 4		
March 7-11	*4 Unit 8: Economic Development in Texas – 5 weeks	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
March 14-18	Spring Break	Spring Break
March 21-25		
March 28-April 1		
April 4-8		
April 11-14		April 15-Holiday
April 18-22	*4 Unit 9: Texas Geography – 6 weeks	
April 25-29		
May 2-6		
May 9-13		
May 16-20		
May 23-26		End of 4 th Nine Weeks

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