

Social Studies Framework: Grade 3

The Elementary Framework provides the foundational knowledge and skills necessary for young students to become empowered, informed, and socially responsible citizens. Through the study of history, geography, economics, and civics, students learn to interact with, and contribute to the world in which they live. Learning how to evaluate sources of information, craft arguments based on evidence, and take informed action helps students develop their civic identity and voice. Additionally, elementary social studies prepares students to meet the challenge of secondary social studies content and supports literacy development across subject areas. The elementary framework is designed to highlight opportunities in which the English language arts reading, writing, and speaking and listening standards can be integrated into the social studies class. In grades PreK - 3, content is organized within units of study that introduce and reinforce knowledge of the six Maryland State Social Studies Standards. In grades 4 -5, the state social studies standards are integrated into an overview of the history of the United States, using Maryland's key figures and events as a lens into the national story. The framework broadens the historical narrative by including marginalized groups and encourages students to learn more about all members of their communities through the inquiry process.

To assist students in acquiring these understandings, the content of the framework is structured by the following six state social studies standards:

Standard	Description of Standard
Standard 1.0 Civics	Students will understand the historical development and current status of the fundamental concepts and processes of authority, power, and influence, with particular emphasis on the democratic skills and attitudes necessary to become responsible citizens.
Standard 2.0 Peoples of the Nations and World	Students will understand the diversity and commonality, human interdependence, and global cooperation of the people of Maryland, the United States, and the World through both a multicultural and historic perspective.
Standard 3.0 Geography	Students will use geographic concepts and processes to examine the role of culture, technology, and the environment in the location and distribution of human activities and spatial connections throughout time.
Standard 4.0 Economic	Students will develop economic reasoning to understand the historical development and current status of economic principles, institutions, and processes needed to be effective citizens, consumers, and workers participating in local communities, the nation, and the world.
Standard 5.0 History	Students will examine specific ideas, beliefs, and themes; organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States, and around the world.
Standard 6.0 Skills and Processes	Students shall use reading, writing, and thinking processes and skills to gain knowledge and understanding of political, historical, and current events using disciplinary and inquiry literacies.

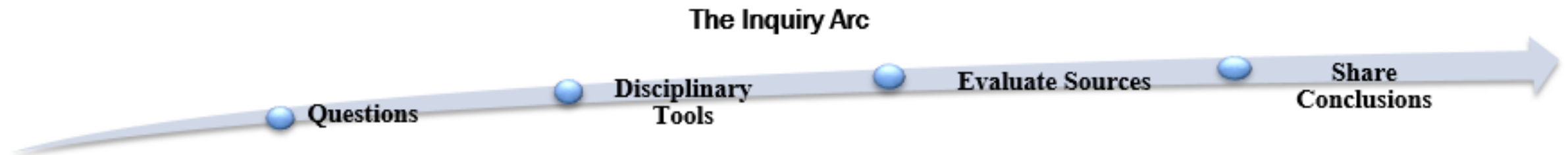
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Standard 6.0

The four dimensions of The Inquiry Arc are reflected in Maryland's Standard 6.0:

1. **Developing Questions & Planning Inquiries** – constructing compelling and supporting questions, planning inquiries, and determining helpful sources.
2. **Applying Disciplinary Concepts & Tools** - applying the disciplinary concepts and tools of civics, geography, economics, and history.
3. **Evaluating Sources & Using Evidence** – evaluating sources, identifying credible, relevant information contained in sources, using evidence to support and develop claims.
4. **Communicating and Critiquing Conclusions & Taking Informed Action** – communicating and presenting claims, critiquing claims, and identifying ways to address problems in their communities.

Throughout the elementary social studies course, students should employ the social studies skills and processes delineated in the 6.0 Skills and Processes standard. Organizing these skills is the Inquiry Arc, which provides a structure to facilitate effective instruction in social studies.



Effective integration of English language arts standards into social studies curriculum affords students the opportunity to enrich their understanding of essential social studies content, develop civic reasoning, geographic and economic analysis, and historical thinking skills while simultaneously improving literacy development. When designing social studies units of study, teachers are encouraged to address ELA standards as they design instruction and assessment for the social studies standards. Additional detail regarding the indicators and objectives associated with Standard 6.0 can be found at [MSDE Social Studies homepage](#). Connections between Standard 6.0, media literacy, and English language arts standards in reading, writing, and speaking and listening can be found at the [MSDE English Language Arts homepage](#).

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Using this document:

The organization of the framework is uniform throughout the entire document. On this page the key terms that are used are defined to support the use of the document.

Sample Unit Template

Unit Enduring Understanding: An **enduring understanding** is the overarching, conceptual guideline for the unit. Enduring understandings explain why this unit is important and connect important concepts and processes to history and the world today.

Unit Question: A **unit question** connects the big ideas in the enduring understandings and essential questions to the period of study. Everything in the unit contributes to answering this question.

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The content topic indicates the umbrella under which several common topics are organized for study.	Essential questions help students unpack the big ideas in the enduring understandings and social studies thinking skills. These are questions that can be asked and answered in different times and places.	<p>Indicator statements assist teachers in determining how to link specific content to be studied to the essential question.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives provide teachers with detailed information regarding what specific learning should occur. 	English language arts reading standards identify opportunities for teachers to integrate the ELA standards in their social studies units. These could be used to access social studies content contained in the unit question.	English language arts writing standards identify opportunities for teachers to integrate the ELA standards in their social studies units. These could be used to express social studies content contained in the unit question.	English language arts speaking and listening standards identify opportunities for teachers to integrate the ELA standards in their social studies units. These could be used to access and express social studies content contained in the unit question.

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Unit 1: Civics

Unit Enduring Understanding: Individuals and groups have the ability to positively impact their communities.

Unit Question: How can we make a difference in our community?

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Civic Virtues	What virtues are important for living together in a democracy?	<p>Students will analyze civic virtue by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explaining how democracy relies on engagement including voting and volunteering in civic organizations. interacting with local civic and/or community leaders. explaining how groups of people make rules to create responsibilities and protect freedoms. identifying how having multiple perspectives both benefits and challenges people living in a democratic society. 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p> <p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.</p> <p>RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.</p> <p>RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.</p> <p>RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>W.3.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</p> <p>W.3.6 With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly</p> <p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally</p> <p>SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.</p> <p>SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.</p>

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Democratic Government	What does democracy look like in the United states?	<p>Students will analyze the local, state, and national levels of government by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> defining the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. comparing the responsibilities of local, state, and national government. identifying the leaders of local, state, and national government in various branches of government. 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p> <p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.</p> <p>RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g.,</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>W.3.5 With guidance and support</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly</p> <p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally</p> <p>SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering</p>

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Informed Action	How can I contribute to my community?	<p>Students will address local community issues by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explaining the importance of civic participation in their community. 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p> <p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● examining a current issue on the local, state, and national level and its impact on their community. ● analyzing ways of influencing local, state, and/or national governments to address a current issue. ● identifying individuals and groups who share a common concern for addressing a current. issue on the state, local, and/or national level. ● developing a plan for effectively organizing and communicating a plan for addressing a current issue. ● implementing an informed civic action plan on a current issue. 	<p>series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.</p> <p>RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.</p> <p>RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.</p> <p>RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).</p> <p>RI.3.8 Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence).</p> <p>RI.3.9 Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.</p> <p>RI.3.10 By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2–3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.</p>	<p>events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>W.3.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</p> <p>W.3.6 With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</p> <p>W.3.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.</p> <p>W.3.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.</p> <p>W.3.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and audiences.</p>	<p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally</p> <p>SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.</p> <p>SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.</p> <p>SL.3.5 Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.</p> <p>SL.3.6 Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.</p>

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Unit 2: Economics and Geography

Unit Enduring Understanding: Economic systems are shaped by geography. People create economic systems that offer opportunities for both individual benefit and the common good.

Unit Question: How does where you live shape how you live?

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Development	Why do industries differ across the state of Maryland?	<p>Students will be able to explain the locations of goods and services in the state of Maryland by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identifying goods and services bought and sold in Maryland. identifying ways that people use the physical environment for buying and selling goods and services. locating key economic centers in Maryland including agriculture, service and manufacturing industries (tourism, seafood, poultry, mining, commercial) using maps. identifying examples of entrepreneurship in the local and state economy and how 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p> <p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.</p> <p>RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.</p> <p>RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.</p> <p>RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>W.3.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</p> <p>W.3.6 With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly</p> <p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally</p> <p>SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.</p> <p>SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive</p>

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Impact on People	How are people impacted by economic development in Maryland?	<p>Students will analyze how economic development in Maryland impacts people by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explaining how jobs and careers are influenced by key economic centers. analyzing government services that are impacted by economic development. 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea. RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect. RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons. W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually,</p>

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Impact on the Environment	What impact does economic	Students will analyze the impact of economic development on the natural environment by:	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with</p>

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	development have on Maryland’s natural environment?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● describing the relationships between human settlement and physical geography, and economic centers. ● explaining how transportation is influenced by industry, agriculture, and geographic features. ● explaining how humans have modified their environment in the development of economic centers. ● comparing perspectives of various communities toward the natural environment. ● drawing inferences about the positive and negative impacts of human-caused change to the physical environment. 	<p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.</p> <p>RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.</p> <p>RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.</p> <p>RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).</p> <p>RI.3.8 Describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/third in a sequence).</p> <p>RI.3.9 Compare and contrast the most important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic.</p> <p>RI.3.10 By the end of year, read and comprehend informational texts, including</p>	<p>texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>W.3.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</p> <p>W.3.6 With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</p> <p>W.3.7 Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.</p> <p>W.3.8 Recall information from experiences or gather information from print and digital sources; take brief notes on sources and sort evidence into provided categories.</p> <p>W.3.10 Write routinely over extended time frames (time for research, reflection, and revision) and shorter time frames (a single</p>	<p>diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others’ ideas and expressing their own clearly</p> <p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally</p> <p>SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.</p> <p>SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an understandable pace.</p> <p>SL.3.5 Create engaging audio recordings of stories or poems that demonstrate fluid reading at an understandable pace; add visual displays when appropriate to emphasize or enhance certain facts or details.</p> <p>SL.3.6 Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to</p>

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Unit 3: History

Unit Enduring Understanding: Cultures of the past have influenced the way we live today.

Unit Question: How have cultures from the past influenced the present?

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Cultural Change Over Time	How did people live in the past?	<p>Students will analyze early regional cultural groups by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> comparing how societies in the Americas, Western Europe, and Western Africa have shaped and been shaped by their culture and environment. developing timelines showing settlement of various cultural groups in Maryland. evaluating why and how people and institutions supported and restricted freedom by making rules in order to promote freedom, equality, and equity for some, but not all. contrasting the lives of early European explorers, colonists, indentured servants, and enslaved Africans. 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p> <p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.</p> <p>RI.3.5 Use text features and search tools (e.g., key words, sidebars, hyperlinks) to locate information relevant to a given topic efficiently.</p> <p>RI.3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the author of a text.</p> <p>RI.3.7 Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task and purpose.</p> <p>W.3.5 With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.</p> <p>W.3.6 With guidance and support from adults, use technology to produce and publish writing (using keyboarding skills) as well as to interact and collaborate with others.</p> <p>W.3.7 Conduct short research</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly</p> <p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally</p> <p>SL.3.3 Ask and answer questions about information from a speaker, offering appropriate elaboration and detail.</p> <p>SL.3.4 Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details, speaking clearly at an</p>

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	<p>How did early groups influence how we live today?</p>	<p>Students will analyze influences of early cultural groups by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● analyzing photographs, images, and text from the past to learn about key historical figures. ● interpreting evidence of the past to make claims about how individuals and groups shaped their region. 	<p>RI.3.1 Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers</p> <p>RI.3.2 Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.</p> <p>RI.3.3 Describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.</p> <p>RI.3.4 Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and</p>	<p>W.3.1 Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.</p> <p>W.3.2 Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly.</p> <p>W.3.3 Write narratives to develop real or imagined experiences or events using effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences.</p> <p>W.3.4 With guidance and support from adults, produce writing in which the development and organization</p>	<p>SL.3.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 3 topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly</p> <p>SL.3.2 Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually,</p>

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