

Department of Teaching & Learning

Fourth Grade Social Studies Pacing Guide

First Nine Weeks			Second Nine Weeks		
Weeks	Topics	Content	Weeks	Topics	Content
1	Social Studies Practices	Students will apply these skills to create and address questions that will guide inquiry and critical thinking. Students will progress through the inquiry cycle (SSP.01-SSP.04) by analyzing primary and secondary sources to construct and communicate their conceptual understanding of the content standards and to develop historical and geographic awareness (SSP.05- SSP.06).	1-2	Creating a New Government (1781-1789)	Students will describe the people involved in writing, events leading up to, and the ideas embedded within the Constitution.
2-9	The War for Independence	Students will explain the causes, course, and key figures of the American Revolution.	3-6	Building the New Nation (1790-1830)	Students will explore the development of the federal government, the exploration of the West, the impact of expansion on American Indians, and the contributions of key people during this era.
			7-8	The Growth of the Republic (1800s-1850) (Part 1)	Students will explore the emergence of the U.S. industrial economy, the growth of slavery in the South, and westward expansion.
Third Nine Weeks			Fourth Nine Weeks		
Weeks	Topics	Content	Weeks	Topics	Content
1-2	The Growth of the Republic (1800s-1850) (Part 2)	Students will explore the emergence of the U.S. industrial economy, the growth of slavery in the South, and westward expansion.	1-5	The Civil War & Reconstruction (1861-1870s) (Part 2)	Students will understand the causes and course of the Civil War and the successes and failures of Reconstruction.
3-7	The United States Prior the Civil War (1820s-1861)	Students will explore the events that led to the Civil War, focusing on the impact of slavery, the abolition movement, and the major differences of the states.	6	State test	Preparation and Administration of state test
8-10	The Civil War & Reconstruction (1861-1870s) (Part 1)	Students will understand the causes and course of the Civil War and the successes and failures of Reconstruction.	7-10	Review and enrichment of 4 th grade standards	State units on Civil War and Reconstruction Studies Weekly extension activities Memphis in May curriculum