

## **Social Studies: Grade 4 Curriculum Overview**

The Social Studies curriculum, *Illinois Macmillan/McGraw Hill Timelinks*, is designed to support students in inquiry learning. Students study economics and develop financial literacy skills through the implementation of the Junior Achievement program. Students also learn about the government at the local, state and federal levels. Through inquiry-based discussions, students will learn about the history of the United States, with an emphasis on Illinois.

Skills to be developed throughout the course:

- Inquiry skills
- Construct and interpret maps
- Chart and graph skills
- Use of primary and secondary sources
- Understanding of different perspectives surrounding historical events
- Understanding of how people and events shaped history/culture
- Construct and critique arguments and explanations using reasoning
- Cause and effect
- Identify core civic virtues and democratic principles

Units of Study:

- Junior Achievement
- History of the United States
- Government (local, state, and federal levels)
- Illinois

The Learning Standards for this course are the Illinois Social Science Standards.

- <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/K-12-SS-Standards.pdf>