



Course Name: Fourth Grade Social Studies

School Year: 2025-2026

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 Historical content focuses on Texas history, including the Texas Revolution, establishment of the Republic of Texas, and subsequent annexation to the United States.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, and 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](#)

2025-26 Year at a Glance

Days of Instruction	Date	4th Social Studies
3	Aug 11-15	Unit 1: Geography of Texas BB1: Thinking Like a Geographer <i>(4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.21AD - 5 days)</i> BB2: Map Skills and Location <i>(4.19C, 4.20AB- 3 days)</i> BB3: Regions of Texas <i>(4.6AB, 4.7A, 4.20AB-9 days)</i>
5	Aug 18-22	
5	Aug 25-29	
4	Sept 1-5	
5	Sept 8-12	
5	Sept 15-19	SS Unit 2 - American Indians Life in Texas BB1: American Indians of Texas <i>(4.1AB, 4.8AB, 4.9A - 10 days)</i> BB2: Culture and Lifestyle of American Indians in Texas <i>(4.1C, 4.9A, 4.12A - 5 days)</i> BB3: American Indians: Past and Present <i>(4.1D- 3 days)</i>
5	Sept 22-26	
4	Sept 29 -Oct 3	
4	Oct 6-10	
3	Oct 13-17	SS Unit 3 - Exploration and Settlement BB1: Europeans Exploration <i>(4.2A, 4.11C - 5 days)</i> BB2: Significant Explorers <i>(4.2B - 3 days)</i> BB3: Early Settlement and Spanish Missions <i>(4.2ABC, 4.7AB, 4.8A, 4.9B- 5 days)</i> BB4: Mexican War of Independence <i>(4.2D, 4.12B- 4 days)</i>
5	Oct 20-24	
5	Oct 27-31	
4	Nov 3-7	
5	Nov 10-14	SS Unit 4- Revolution, Republic & Statehood BB1: The Texas Revolution <i>(4.2E, 4.3A, 4.9B, 4.10B, 4.14D - 5 days)</i> BB2: Key Figures of the Texas Revolution <i>(4.3B - 5 days)</i> BB3: The Republic of Texas <i>(4.3CD- 5 days)</i> BB4: The Annexation of Texas <i>(4.3E- 5 days)</i> BB5: Texas is Growing <i>(4.7A, 4.9B, 4.10A, 4.11ACD, 4.15D- 5 days)</i>
5	Nov 17-21	
5	Dec 1-5	
5	Dec 8-12	
5	Dec 15-19	
4	Jan 5-9	
5	Jan 12-16	SS Unit 5 - Developing a Texas Government BB1: Texas Government <i>(4.13B, 4.15C, 4.16AB - 5 days)</i> BB2: Important Documents in Texas History <i>(4.13A - 4 days)</i>
4	Jan 19-23	
5	Jan 26-30	SS Unit 6 - Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas BB1: The Civil War in Texas <i>(4.4A - 5 days)</i> BB2: Reconstruction <i>(4.4A, 4.10A - 5 days)</i> BB3: Settling the Texas Frontier <i>(4.4BD, 4.7B, 4.8ABC, 4.10A, 4.11B- 5 days)</i> BB4: Texas Railroads <i>(4.4C, 4.7A, 4.10AC, 4.11BD- 5 days)</i>
5	Feb 2-6	
5	Feb 9-13	
4	Feb 16-20	
5	Feb 23-27	SS Unit 7 - 20th Century Texas BB1: The Great Depression and the Dust Bowl <i>(4.5A, 4.10BC - 5 days)</i> BB2: World War II <i>(4.5A, 4.10A, 4.11A - 5 days)</i> BB3: Science and Technology in Texas <i>(4.5B, 4.11D, 4.18AB- 5 days)</i>
5	Mar 2-6	
4	Mar 16-20	SS Unit 8 - Texas Citizenship and Culture BB1: Rights & Responsibilities of Citizens <i>(4.15BCE - 4 days)</i> BB2: Texas Citizens <i>(4.15AD, 4.16B - 5 days)</i> BB3: Texas Pride <i>(4.14ABC - 4 days)</i> BB4: Texas Culture <i>(4.14D, 4.17A- 5 days)</i> BB5: Texas Arts <i>(4.17B- 4 days)</i>
5	Mar 23-27	
4	Mar 30 - Apr 3	
5	Apr 6-10	
4	Apr 13-17	
5	Apr 20-24	
4	Apr 27 - May 1	
5	May 4-8	Tier 2 Instruction
5	May 11-15	
4	May 18-21	