

**New Social Studies Curriculum:
A Content Guide for Grades K-8**

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KINDERGARTEN

September	Who We Are <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Families</i>- <i>Getting Along</i>- <i>School Rules</i>- <i>Solving Problems</i>
October	Who We Are (continued) Explorers <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Columbus</i>
November	Changes in our Country <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Native Americans</i>- <i>Thanksgiving</i>- <i>Past and Present</i> Veteran's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>National Symbols</i>
December	Family and Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Celebrations</i>- <i>Holidays Around the World</i>
January	Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Seasons and Weather</i> Equality <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
February	Friends Around the World <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Maps and Globes</i>- <i>Life in Different Areas</i> President's Day
March	Friends Around the World (continued)
April	Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Neighborhoods, Maps, Signs</i>- <i>Goods and Services</i> Earth Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Conservation of Resources</i> Transportation
May/June	Work <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Jobs</i>- <i>Money</i>- <i>Making Choices</i>- <i>Needs & Wants</i>

1st GRADE

September	Why Do Children Attend School? (Unit 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Routines</i>- <i>Daily Life</i>- <i>Need for rules and laws in home, school and community</i>- <i>Good Citizenship</i>
October	What Jobs Do People Do? (Units 2-3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Requirements for various jobs</i>- <i>Distinguish between needs and wants</i>- <i>Spend/Save</i>
November	Who Were the Native Americans? / Symbols in Our Country/Choosing Our Country's Leaders (Unit 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Native American trunk activities</i>- <i>Citizens</i>- <i>Voting</i>
December	Children Around the World/Holidays (Unit 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Alike and Different</i>
January	Martin Luther King, Jr. (Unit 5 p. 214)
February	President's Day (Unit 5 pgs. 212-217) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Abraham Lincoln</i>- <i>George Washington</i>
March/April	Our Earth, Our Resources (Unit 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Landforms (p. 150-155)</i>- <i>Geography (atlas)</i>- <i>Weather (p.142-145, 148-149)</i>- <i>Natural Resources (p. 156-159)</i>
May/June	Children Around the World <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Similarities and differences</i>

2nd GRADE

September	Where We Live <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Neighborhoods</i>- <i>Communities</i>- <i>State</i>- <i>Country</i>
October	Where We Live (continued)
November	Our Beautiful Earth <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Geography</i>- <i>Where People Live</i>- <i>Movement of Goods</i>- <i>Natural Resources</i>
December	Working Together <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Goods and Services</i>- <i>Communities, Factories, Banks, International Trade in Relation to Goods and Services</i>
January	Working Together (continued)
February	Why We Need Government <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Local Government</i>- <i>State Government</i>- <i>Federal Government</i>- <i>Voting for Leaders</i>- <i>Land of Freedom</i>
March	Why We Need Government (continued) Our Country's History <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>First Americans</i>- <i>Colonies</i>- <i>A Growing Country</i>- <i>Remembering Americans</i>
April	Studying the Past <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Family History</i>- <i>Celebrations</i>- <i>American Landmarks</i>- <i>People and Places in History</i>
May/June	Studying the Past (continued)

3rd GRADE

September

People in Communities

Chapter 3 – People Move From Place to Place

- *Lesson 1 Moving to a New Community*
- *Lesson 2 Learning New Customs*
- *Lesson 3 Where Did They Come From?*
- *Lesson 4 A New Life in America*

October

Chapter 4 – Celebrations

- *Lesson 1 Celebrations & Culture*
- *Lesson 2 Celebrating A Community's Past*
- *Lesson 3 Celebrations Across Our Nation*

**November/
December**

History of Communities

Chapter 7 – Communities and Their Histories

- *Lesson 1 Explorers Come to North America*
- *Lesson 2 A Spanish Community*
- *Lesson 3 A French Community*
- *Lesson 4 An English Community*

January

Chapter 8 – Technology Changes Communities

- *Lesson 1 Transportation Over Time*
- *Lesson 2 Communication Over Time*
- *Lesson 3 Inventions Over Time*
- *Lesson 4 Medicine Improves Over Time*

February

Chapter 10 – Making Goods

- *Lesson 1 Using Resources*
- *Lesson 2 Depending On Others*
- *Lesson 3 A World Trade*

March

Depending on Pace

Chapter 11 – Rights and Responsibilities

- *Lesson 1, 2, 3 (optional)*

April

Chapter 12 – Your Local Government

- *Lesson 1 Community Service*
- *Lesson 2 Community Leaders*
- *Lesson 3 State Government*

May/June

Chicago and Riverside

- *Chicago: An Urban Area Lesson 3 pgs 48-53*
- *The Great Chicago Fire*
- *History of Riverside/Riverside Walk*

4th GRADE

September	American Regions: The Northeast <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Land and Water</i>- <i>People</i>
October	American Regions: The Southeast <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Land</i>- <i>People and Event</i>
November	American Regions: The Midwest <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Land and Water</i>- <i>People</i>
December	American Regions: The Midwest (continued)
January	Illinois
February	Illinois
March	Southwest <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Land</i>- <i>Resources</i>- <i>People</i>
April	The West <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Land</i>- <i>Life in the West</i>
May/June	The West (continued)

5th GRADE

September	World Geography <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Five Fields of Social Studies</i>- <i>Five Themes of Social Studies</i>
October	Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Immigration</i>- <i>Government and Economy</i>- <i>A Multicultural Society</i>
November	Canada (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>A Multicultural Society</i> Europe Today <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>The United Kingdom and Sweden</i>- <i>France, Germany, and Poland</i>
December	Latin America <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Physical Geography</i>- <i>Ancient Latin America</i>
January	Mexico <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Roots</i>- <i>Government, Economy and Culture</i>
February	Caribbean Islands <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Independence</i>- <i>Economy and Cultures</i>- <i>Cuba and Guatemala</i> South America <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Independence</i>- <i>Economy and Cultures</i>- <i>Brazil and Peru</i>
March	Southern Africa <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Physical Geography</i>- <i>History, Colonialism, The Road to Independence</i>
April	East Asia, Australia, and Oceania <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Physical Geography</i>- <i>Ancient China and Ancient Japan</i>
May/June	East Asia <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Modern China and Modern Japan</i> Australia, New Zealand, Oceania <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>History, Government and Economy</i> Antarctica

6th GRADE

September	Foundations of History <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Early Humans</i>- <i>Mesopotamia</i>
October	Egypt
November	India China
December	The Americas
January	Greece
February	Rome
March	The Muslim Empires Africa
April	The Middle Ages The Renaissance
May/June	The Renaissance (continued) The Reformation Age of Exploration

7th GRADE

September	Early English Settlements <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Jamestown</i>- <i>Plymouth</i> Development of Colonies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>New England</i>- <i>Middle Colonies</i>
October	Development of Colonies (continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Southern Colonies</i>- <i>Back Country</i> The Beginning of Slavery The French & Indian War Road to Revolution
November	The Revolutionary War The Articles of Confederation
December	The U.S. Constitution (TEST)
January	Early Presidents Political Parties The Louisiana Purchase
February	The War of 1812 The Industrial Revolution Nationalism and Sectionalism
March	Jackson Era Manifest Destiny
April	Immigration Reform Movement Women's Right Slavery Tensions between North and South The Election of 1860
May/June	The Civil War The Death of Lincoln Reconstruction

8th GRADE

September	Growth of the West
October	Industrial Society Growth of Cities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Chicago</i>- <i>Olmstead</i>- <i>Riverside Walk</i>
November	U.S. Expansion U.S. Imperialism World War I
December	The Roaring '20s
January	The Great Depression
February	World War II Origins of the Cold War
March	The Civil Rights Movement Culture of the 1950s
April	Vietnam The Cold War Culture of the 1960s
May/June	Watergate to the War on Terror Illinois <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Government</i>- <i>Constitution</i>