

Fourth Grade Social Studies Framework*							
	Quarter 1		Quarter 2		Quarter 3	Quarter 4	
	Unit 1: Launching Social Studies	Unit 2: Forming a New Nation	Unit 3: Challenges of a New Nation	Unit 4: The Nation Expands	Unit 5: Abolition, Suffrage, and the Civil War	Unit 6: Reconstruction	Unit 7: Personal Finance
GSE for Social Studies	Information Processing Skills 1-17 Map and Globe Skills 1-11 Connecting Themes 1, 2, 6-14	SS4H1.a, b, c, d SS4CG1a SS4G1b SS4G2a SS4E1e	SS4H2.a, b SS4CG1.b, c, d SS4CG2 SS4CG3.a, b SS4G1b	SS4H3.a, b, c SS4E1a, d, f SS4G1.a, b SS4G2b	SS4H4 SS4H5.a, b, c, d, e SS4E1.b, c, e, f SS4G1b	SS4H6.a, b, c, d SS4CG1a SS4CG2	SS4E1.a SS4E2
Key Skills and Concepts	Identify: tools used by historians, geographers, economists, political scientists Identify: Connecting themes across Social Studies domains	Explain: causes, events, & results of the American Revolution. Describe: the meaning of “Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness” in the Declaration of Independence. Locate: New York City, NY; Boston, MA; Philadelphia, PA Explain: how geography affected the battles of the American Revolutionary War. Describe: how trade between the Colonies & Europe promoted economic activity. Explain: how opportunity cost & price incentives affected the decision to go to war.	Analyze & Evaluate: challenges & issues addressed at the Constitutional Convention. Describe the Meaning Of: “We the People,” the federal system of government, & representative democracy/republic. Explain the Importance Of: First Amendment to the US Constitution. Describe: structure of the US Government; purpose of the Bill of Rights. Locate: Philadelphia, PA; Washington, D.C	Explain: causes & motivations for westward expansion; the impact of westward expansion on American Indians. Examine: the abolitionist & suffrage movements. Describe: how opportunity cost, price incentives, voluntary exchange, & technological innovations affected people’s decisions to move west. Locate: major physical & man-made features of the United States; Erie Canal. Describe: how geography affected westward expansion.	Explain: causes, events, & consequences of the Civil War. Describe: how price incentives, specialization, & technological innovations affected the economies of the northern & southern states. Locate: Gettysburg, PA	Analyze: effects of Reconstruction on American life.	Identify: Elements of a personal budget. Explain: the importance of saving & spending decisions.
Studies Weekly Publications		Wk 1 Events Leading to Our Freedom Wk 2 British Soldiers on Trial Wk 3 Declaring Independence Wk 4 Jefferson /Declaration of Independence Wk 5 Rough Time in the Revolution Wk 6 African Americans During the Revolution	Wk 7 Familiar Complaints Wk 8 Federalists and Anti Federalists Wk 9 We the People Wk 10 George Washington /Branches of Government Wk 11 Federalism Wk 12 The 1 st Amendment Wk 13 Bill of Rights	Wk 14 War of 1812 Wk 15 Territorial Expansion Wk 16 Indian Removal Act/ Trail of Tears Wk 17 A Growing Nation Wk 18 Westward Expansion Wk 19 Westward Expansion Wk 20 The Gold Rush Wk 22 Industry and Agriculture	Wk 21 Slavery Wk 23 Abolitionism Wk 24 Suffrage Wk 25 Tensions Between the North and South Wk 26 The Civil War Wk 27 The Blue and Gray Wk 28 The End of the Civil War Wk 31 Specialization and Trade	Wk 29 Reconstruction Wk 30 Jim Crow and Continued Racism	Wk 32 Personal Budgets

*This framework is intended as a guide and is flexible to meet the needs of local schools and students.

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Green = priority standard

Yellow = supporting standard