

4th Grade Social Studies Instructional Focus

In Grade Four, students study the history of Texas from the early beginnings to the present within the context of influences of the Western Hemisphere. The focus of study is organized around broad-based concepts of relationships, environment, interdependence, change and conflict.

In addition, students discuss important issues, events and individuals of the 19th & 20th centuries. Students also conduct a thorough study of regions in Texas and the Western Hemisphere that result from human activity and from physical features. A focus on the location, distribution, and patterns of economic activities and of early settlement in Texas further enhances the concept of regions. The subject specific concepts addressed in grade four include the study of geographical regions; citizenship; early people of Texas; exploration and colonization; important conflicts and events; impact of contributions; and, economic patterns and motivations that affect exploration and colonization.

Overall, the emphasis at Grade Four is for students to develop a conceptual understanding of Texas and how Texas relates to the Western Hemisphere. The purpose is for students to focus on Texas while building a foundation in history, geography, economics, government, citizenship, culture, science, technology and society, and social skills.