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**Unit One Overview**

**Content Area:** Social Studies

**Unit One:** Friends & Family/Constitution Day/Respect Week

**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/2

## Unit Summary

Communities are places where people live. In communities people help each other and follow rules. The rules and laws created by community, state and national governments protect the rights of people.

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- How do families and friends learn, grow, and help one another?
- How are families around the world the same and different?
- What happens when families work together?
- Why is it important to establish and follow rules in the community, state and country?

**Unit Objectives**
*Students will...*
- People and friends help one another in communities.
- Recognize that community members work together for the common good.
- Recognize that rules and laws are important to follow.

**Unit Enduring Understandings**
*Students will understand that...*
- A community is a place where people live, work, and have fun together.
- A neighbor is someone who lives in the same neighborhood.
- Laws are rules people in a community must follow.
- A good citizen is a member of the community who helps others and treats others with respect.

**Unit Objectives**
*Students will be able to...*
- Identify how friends depend on each other.
- Identify how families around the world are the same and different.
- Identify what happens when friends and families work together.
- Identify how rules and laws are essential in the community, state and country.
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Target Course/Grade Level: Social Studies/2

Unit Summary

Different types of maps help us compare and contrast landforms, climate and weather, and other information that can be found about animals. Our country's Thanksgiving holiday traditions evolved from European colonization and Native American cultures, beliefs and values.

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- What are features of different animal habitats?
- How can fictional animals in folk tales help and work together to solve problems?
- What is the history of “Thanksgiving”?
- Who are the Native Americans and Pilgrims that were at the first Thanksgiving?

**Unit Enduring Understandings**

*Students will understand that…*
- Geography tells about the Earth, people, plants, and animals that live on Earth.
- Our country’s Thanksgiving holiday traditions evolved from European colonization and Native American cultures, beliefs and values.

**Unit Objectives**

*Students will…*
- Compare and contrast information about animal habitats on a map.
- Explore landforms, climate and weather and how it affects animals and their habitat.
- Explore the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Explore how the Thanksgiving holiday evolved from European colonization and Native American cultures, beliefs and values

*Students will be able to…*
- Utilize a map to compare and contrast information about animal habitats.
- Write and illustrate about an animal and its habitat.
- Write and illustrate about a holiday tradition.
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## Unit Three Overview

**Content Area:** Social Studies  
**Unit Three:** Live and Learn/ Martin Luther King Jr./ Black History/ Presidents Day  
**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/2  

### Unit Summary
Landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work. Community workers and human interaction can impact our environment. Certain needs and wants are required by humans in order to survive. Famous African American and American leaders have impacted the United States of America.

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- How do community workers help us?
- What is the weather like in different regions of the United States?
- Who were/are the important leaders of the United States of America?
- Who were/are famous African Americans?

**Unit Enduring Understandings**

*Students will understand that...*

- People help their community
- Community workers help us in many ways.
- Weather in the United States varies in different regions.
- There are many important leaders in the United States of America.
- There are many famous African Americans.
**Unit Objectives**

*Students will ...*

- Identify climate and weather in different regions of the United States.
- Describe how community workers and human interaction can help the people and the environment.
- Identify the difference between human needs and wants.
- Identify the production and exchange of goods and services.
- Identify historical contributions of American leaders.
- Identify historical contributions of famous African Americans.

*Students will be able to...*

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- Discuss ways community workers and human interaction help the people and the environment.
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Unit Four Overview

**Content Area:** Social Studies

**Unit Four:** Our Life Our World/ Famous Women in History

**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/2

**Unit Summary**

The Earth consists of seven continents and five oceans; our continent of North America consists of neighboring countries, and our country consists of different regions. Natural resources are used for various purposes across the world. Famous women in history have impacted the United States of America. Children around the world have similarities and differences based on their culture.

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- There are many different landforms and natural resources across the globe.
- Who were/are famous women in history and what were their important contributions?
- How are children around the world different?

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- Explore the similarities and differences of cultures around the world.

**Unit Objectives**

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## Unit Five Overview

**Content Area:** Social Studies

**Unit Five:** Let’s Make A Difference/Earth Day

**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/2

### Unit Summary

A citizen is a person who belongs to a country. Good citizens make our country a better place. They follow rules and laws so that they get along. They vote to choose leaders. Citizens of the United States have songs, symbols, and sayings that help celebrate our country. Earth Day teaches us how to be good environmental citizens and how to protect the Earth.

**Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:** ELA, Math, Science, Physical Education, Art, and Drama

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For further clarification refer to NJ World Class Standards Introduction at [www.njccs.org](http://www.njccs.org)

### Learning Targets

**Content Standards**

**New Jersey Social Studies Standards**

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**Common Core Standards for History/Social Studies are integrated into the K-5 reading standards.**

- Reading Standards for Informational Text K-5: 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.10
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<td>6.1.4.A.2</td>
<td>Explain how fundamental rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights (i.e., freedom of expression, freedom of religion, the right to vote, and the right to due process) contribute to the continuation and improvement of American democracy.</td>
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<td>Determine how “fairness,” “equality,” and the “common good” have influenced change at the local and national levels of United States government.</td>
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<td>Apply opportunity cost to evaluate individuals’ decisions, including ones made in their communities.</td>
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<td>Distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions made by individuals, communities, and nations.</td>
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<td>Illustrate how production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services are interrelated and are affected by the global market and events in the world community.</td>
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<td>Describe the civic leadership qualities and historical contributions of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin toward the development of the United States government</td>
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<td>• Who are American heroes?</td>
<td>• A good citizen follows the rules.</td>
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<td>• What are some symbols that represent the United States?</td>
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<td>• What are our rights and rules?</td>
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<td>Identify the qualities of good citizenship as demonstrated by ordinary people.</td>
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<td>Identify symbols of national identity, such as our flag and the Pledge of Allegiance.</td>
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