## Social Studies Curriculum

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## Unit 1 Overview

**Content Area:** Social Studies  
**Unit Title:** All About Communities  
**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/Grade 1  

### Unit Summary:
Communities are places where people live. Communities develop in urban, rural, and suburban areas. In communities, people help each other and follow rules. Transportation and communication in communities have changed over time.

### Primary Interdisciplinary Connections:
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### Learning Targets

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Unit Essential Questions

• What is a community?
• What are neighbors?
• What different kinds of communities are there?
• What are laws?
• What is a good citizen?

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.
• There are suburban, rural, and urban areas.
• Laws are rules people in a community must follow.
• A good citizen is a member of the community who helps others.

Unit Objectives:
(September-Oct)

Students will...

• Learn that people live in communities.
• Recognize that community members work together for the common good.
• Recognize the characteristics of cities, suburbs, and rural areas.
• Identify the significance of community landmarks.
• Use literature to increase knowledge about how a city or urban area, small town or village, and rural area are different.
• Identify changes in communication and transportation and explore ways that these changes have affected people’s lives.
• Identify where they live using a world address.
• Discuss why communities exist.
• Identify the characteristics of different communities, including specific landmarks.
• Discuss different types of transportation and communication available in their community.
• Apply the qualities of good citizenship by following rules and laws.
• List ways rules and laws help people.
• Identify the qualities of good citizenship.
• Recognize ways to show good citizenship.
• Recognize the way rules and laws help communities.

Evidence of Learning
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- Classroom Discussion
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### Literature:
- *Franklin’s Neighborhood* by Paulette Bourgoise
- Houghton Mifflin *Grow and Change*
- Great Source *Daily Geography*
- [www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com](http://www.connected.mcgraw-hill.com)
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# Unit 2 Overview

**Content Area:** Social Studies  
**Unit Title:** Connecting to the World  
**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/Grade 1  

## Unit Summary:
By working, people get the things they need and want. Some people are producers, but not all are consumers. More products and services are available through trade. Technology has changed the way people meet their wants and needs.

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### Unit Essential Questions
- Why do people work?
- What is a volunteer?
- What are needs and wants?
- What are goods and services?
- What are producers and consumers?
- What is a factory?
- What is trade?
- What is technology?

### Unit Enduring Understandings
*Students will understand that...*
- People work to earn money.
- Volunteers do important jobs without getting paid.
- Needs are things people must have in order to live, like shelter. Wants are things that people would like to have but do not need in order to live.
- Goods are things that are made or grown. A service is something that people do for others.
- A producer makes or grows goods to sell and a consumer uses the goods. We are all consumers.
- A factory is a building where things are made.
- Trade is when we give something and then get something back. Different countries trade using various routes.
- Technology is an advance that makes things faster, easier, or better.

### Unit Objectives:
*(November-December)*

*Students will...*
- Understand that people work to earn money and help others.
- Explain the choices people make about earning money.
- Identify needs and wants.
- Explain the choices people make about spending and saving.
- Distinguish between goods and services.
- Learn what producers and consumers are.
- Distinguish between producing and consuming.
- Trace a product from a natural resource to finished goods.
- Understand trade.
- Identify ways in which science and technology have affected communication, transportation, and recreation.

*Students will be able to...*
- Explain why people work.
- List examples of needs and wants and discuss choices people make when earning, saving, and spending money.
- Define goods, services, producers, and consumers.
- Sequence the process of creating finished goods from a natural resource.
- Explain how communication, transportation, and recreation have been affected by science and technology.

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Madlenka by Peter Sis
Joseph Had a Little Overcoat by Simms Taback
Click Clack Moo: Cows that Type by Doreen Cronin
Trashy Town by Andrea Zimmerman

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**Unit Title:** People & Places in History  
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**Unit Essential Questions**
- What is a Native American?
- What are traditions?
- What is an explorer?
- What is a colony?
- How did the Native Americans help the Pilgrims?
- What key historical people and documents led to the development of our nation?
- What is a pioneer?
- What is an immigrant?

**Unit Enduring Understandings**

*Students will understand that...*
- Native Americans were the first people to live in America.
- A tradition is a special way of doing something that is passed down over time.
- An explorer is a person who traveled to learn about a new place. Explorers come from Europe to America.
- A colony is a place where colonists live and is ruled by another country.
- Native Americans helped the Pilgrims to survive by showing them how to fish, hunt, and grow food.
- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin were important to the development of the United States history and development. The Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights are important documents that led to the development of our nation.
- Pioneers leave their homes to inhabit a land they do not know.
- An immigrant is a person who leaves a country to live in another.
Unit Objectives:
(January-February)

Students will...

- Identify Native Americans as the first people to live in North America.
- Explain Native American traditions.
- Learn about early explorers to America.
- Recognize how the Pilgrims overcame hardship with the help of Native Americans.
- Explain how the original 13 colonies became the United States.
- Identify contributions of historical figures that have influenced the nation.
- Identify and explain the importance of historical documents to the development of the United States.
- Describe how the United States grew over time.

Students will be able to...

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- Describe Native American traditions.
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- List how the Native Americans helped the Pilgrims overcome hardship.
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- Name historical figures and documents and describe how they contributed to our history.
- Show the growth of the United States.

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**Content Area:** Social Studies  
**Unit Title:** Our Earth  
**Target Course/Grade Level:** Social Studies/Grade 1

**Unit Summary:**
Our Earth tells about the people, plants, and animals that live on Earth. Maps and globes help us learn about different landforms on Earth. Earth’s seasons and its resources affect our lives.

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- How does geography help me?
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- What different landforms make up our country?
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- What is a natural resource and how do we use them?
- How can we protect the Earth?

## Unit Enduring Understandings
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- Our world is made up of seven continents and four oceans.
- Our country is made up of various landforms and bodies of water.
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- A natural resource is something that is in nature that is ready for people for use.
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## Unit Objectives:
*(March-April)*
*Students will...*
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- Identify major landforms and bodies of water on maps and globes.
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Literature:
The Earth and I by FrankAsch
Our Earth by Anne Rockwell
Earthdance by Joanne Ryder
In November by Cynthia Rylant
On the Same Day in March: A Tour of the World’s Weather by Marilyn Singer
Letter to the Lake by Susan Swanson
Our Big Home: An Earth Poem
by Linda Glaser
Michael Recycle by Ellie
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Unit 5 Overview

Content Area: Social Studies

Unit Title: Working Together

Target Course/Grade Level: Social Studies/Grade 1

Unit Summary:
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- What makes a good citizen?
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- What are some symbols that represent the United States?

**Unit Objectives:**
(May-June)
*Students will*...
- Identify different types of groups.
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- Identify and use voting as a way to make decisions.
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- Identify historic figures who were good citizens.
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- A good citizen follows the rules.
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- Define the qualities of a good citizen in their community.
- Discuss how the community makes decisions.
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The American Flag by Patricia Ryon Quiri
A Picture Book of George Washington by David Adler
George Washington, Our First President by Garnet Jackson
If I Were President by Catherine Stier
Grace for President by Kelly DiPucchio
My Teacher for President by Kay Winters
So You Want To Be President by Judith St. George

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### Unit Essential Questions
- What is Labor Day?
- What is Veterans Day?
- What is Thanksgiving?
- What is Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day?
- What is Presidents’ Day?
- What do the Winter Holidays have in common?
- What is Memorial Day?
- What is Independence Day?

### Unit Enduring Understandings
*Students will understand that...*
- Labor Day is when we show respect for our country’s working people.
- Veterans Day is when we thank those who have served in our Nation’s Armed Forces.
- Thanksgiving Day is when we remember the feast shared by the Pilgrims and Native Americans.
- Winter holidays incorporate lights into their celebrations.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is celebrated in remembrance of the changes in laws that he influenced to help African Americans earn equal rights.
- Presidents’ Day is when we celebrate the work of Presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.
- Memorial Day is when we show respect for the soldiers who died for our country.
- Independence Day is when we celebrate our country’s birthday.

### Unit Objectives:
(On-going Throughout the Year)
*Students will...*
- Explain how selected celebrations reflect an American love of individualism and freedom.
- Discuss how holidays reflect our local and national heritage.

*Students will be able to...*
- Identify major holidays and relate how different people celebrate them.
- Explain why certain holidays are related to history.

### Evidence of Learning

#### Formative Assessment
- Classroom Discussion
- Portfolios
- Anecdotal Notes
- Cooperative Learning Groups
- Exit Slips
- Open Ended Questions
- Checklists
- Vocabulary Quizzes
- Presentations or Projects
- Rubrics

#### Summative Assessment
- Participation and teacher observation
- Chapter tests
- Daily work
- End of unit tests
- Anecdotal records
- Student Report Card grades

### Modifications (ELL, Special Education, Gifted and Talented)
**ELL:**
- Work toward longer passages as skills in English increase
- Use visuals
- Introduce key vocabulary before lesson
- Provide peer tutoring
• Use a strong student as a “buddy” (does not necessarily have to speak the primary language)

Special Education:
• Allow extra time to complete assignments or tests
• Work in a small group
• Allow answers to be given orally or dictated
• Use large print books, Braille, or books on CD (digital text)
• Follow all IEP modifications/504 plan

Gifted and Talented:
• Create an enhanced set of introductory activities (e.g. advance organizers, concept maps and puzzles)
• Provide options, alternatives and choices to differentiate and broaden the curriculum
• Organize and offer flexible small group learning activities
• Provide whole group enrichment explorations
• Teach cognitive and methodological skills
• Use center, stations, or contracts
• Organize integrated problem-solving simulations
• Propose interest-based extension activities

Curriculum Development Resources/Instructional Materials/Equipment needed/Teacher Resources: Computer, Audio materials, Print materials, Manipulatives, Journals, Sticky Notes, Graphic Organizers, Wonders Teaching Posters

Great Source Daily Geography
Houghton Mifflin Grow and Change

Literature:
Labor Day by Carmen Bredeson
Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks by Margaret Sutherland and Sonja Lamut
What is Thanksgiving? by Michelle Medlock Adams
In November by Cynthia Rylant
A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr. by David A. Adler
Martin Luther King, Jr. by Pam Parker
Celebrating Presidents’ Day by Kimberly Jordano
Presidents’ Day by David F. Marx
Memorial Day by Jacqueline S. Cotton
Memorial Day Surprise by Theresa Golding
Independence Day by Trudy Stain Trueit
The Fourth of July Story by Ashley Dagliess

Websites:
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www.apples4theteacher.com
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Teacher Notes:
☐ As required by the NJ Department of Education, teachers in all content areas will integrate the 21st Century Life and Careers Standards. As the NJ DOE indicates, “Providing New Jersey students with the life and career skills needed to function optimally within this dynamic context is a critical focus and organizing principle of K-12 public education. New Jersey has both an obligation to prepare its young people to thrive in this environment, and a vested economic interest in grooming an engaged citizenry made up of productive members of a global workforce that rewards innovation, creativity, and adaptation to change.” The links below indicate the CPIs for grade ranges and need to be addressed throughout the units of study.

NJ Standards 9 Introduction
21st-Century Life and Career Standards (with links to CPIs)
• As indicated in the Common Core Standards, the ELA standards will be integrated throughout Social Studies/ History
Courses. In addition, when possible, fiction and nonfiction reading should be integrated in social studies courses for an integrated approach. For more information on the ELA standards, see Common Core ELA Standards. Particularly helpful to secondary history courses is this link: [http://www.corestandards.org/assets/CCSSI_ELA%20Standards.pdf](http://www.corestandards.org/assets/CCSSI_ELA%20Standards.pdf)

- PBL (Problem Based Learning) tasks found through the resources can be adapted to address various historical/cultural units.
- In-text vocabulary should be incorporated into every unit. Word journals, word/vocabulary walls and/or various other activities should be utilized by the instructor to teach vocabulary.
- The research process must be integrated within each course curriculum. Students will investigate issues emergent from thematic/historical units of study. As the Common Core Standards indicate, students will develop proficiency with MLA format.
- Students must engage in technology applications integrated throughout the curriculum.
- Civics, geography, economics, and the use of primary sources must be integrated throughout the Social Studies Curriculum.