

**Social Studies: Regions of the United States
Grade 4**

Timeframe	Topic	Content	Resources	Concepts, Skills, & Standards	Assessments
September	<p>Map and Globe Skills - Canada, Mexico and the United States)</p> <p>Ancient Civilizations of North America (Mayas and Aztecs)</p> <p>Early European Exploration and Conquest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map Titles ● Map Key (legend) ● Symbols ● Compass Rose-Cardinal and Intermediate directions ● Map Scale ● Equator/Prime Meridian ● Hemispheres ● Longitude-Latitude(degrees) ● Grid-Index ● Locator map-Inset map ● Physical map-Political map ● Special purpose maps ● Grid-Index ● Mayas-People, cities, society, religion and achievements ● Aztecs-People, government, beliefs, war and sacrifice, fall of Aztec Empire ● Voyages of Balboa, Cartier, Columbus, Magellan, Ponce De Leon, Vespucci and Cortes 	<p>Outline Maps</p> <p>Desk Maps</p> <p>Globe</p> <p>Transparencies</p> <p>Worksheets-Workbook</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>You-Tube</p> <p>Audio text</p> <p>Map Skills for Today - Grade 4</p> <p>Brain Pop</p>	<p>4.T1</p> <p>4.T2</p> <p>4.T3</p>	<p>Formative and Summative</p> <p>Mayan Postcard</p>
<p>October</p> <p>Flat Stanley Project (year long)</p>	<p>Chapter 1- Regions of the USA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 Regions and Landforms ● Highest and Lowest landforms ● Regional resources ● Map and globe skill - inset maps 	<p>Regions - textbook</p> <p>Primary Source-Alice Ramsey</p> <p>Maps</p> <p>Internet</p> <p>Workbooks</p> <p>Audio text</p> <p>Patriotic songs i.e; "This Land is Your Land", "America" and "America the Beautiful"</p>	<p>4.T4</p>	<p>Formative and Summative</p> <p>Landform Models</p> <p>Landform Booklet</p>

			Fact File project-My Region (Personify a region i.e. landform, climate, resources etc.		
November	Chapter 2-We All Live Together	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The United States is a diverse nation made up of people from many backgrounds and cultures. ● The government of the United States gives power to the representatives who make and enforce laws. ● Levels and Branches of The US Government ● Citizens have rights and responsibilities. ● Map and globe skill-Time Zone maps ● Biographies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fiorello LaGuardia ○ Daniel Inouye 	Regions - textbook Song-"Three Branches of Government" Transparencies Visual aids Audio text	4.T4a	Formative and Summative Mock voting (classroom)
December	Chapter 4-The Northeast (Land and Water in the NE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Incredible scenery and magnificent formations i.e; Niagara Falls, Appalachian Mountains, etc. ● Northeast products that the world enjoys ● Chesapeake Bay and other bays that provide seafood ● Map skill-States and Capitals and major cities in NE ● Map skill -Analyze and interpret cross-section diagram 	Regions - textbook Poetry-"Niagara" by Carl Sandburg "Tourist" by Petey Bean "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening" by Robert Frost Music "Niagara Music Suite" by Ferde Groffe Maps Audio text Internet Transparencies Trade books Visual aids (photos, artifacts, etc.)	4.T4a	Formative and Summative Niagara Falls booklet

January	The United States-A Nation of Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration • Ellis Island • Angel Island • Annie Moore • Reasons for coming to USA • Hardships • Journey • Immigration process • Contributions of immigrants (inventions, language, dance, music, song, foods, etc.) 	<p>Trade books Songs-“Coming to America” by Neil Diamond, “Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears” by the Irish Tenors Visual Aids (posters, replicas of passports and manifests, artifacts, etc.) Internet Videos-“So Far From Home” “Molly’s Pilgrim”</p>	4.T4a	Ancestor Dolls Presentations of Ancestor reports Formative and Summative
February	Chapter 6- The Southeast (The Land of the SE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main areas of SE (Coastal Plains, Piedmont, Appalachia, Barrier Islands) • Mild Climate of Coastal Areas brings tourists to region • Natural hazards (hurricanes) • Wildlife and Resources (endangered species) • Renewable and non-renewable resources • Agriculture in SE • Everglades National Park, Key West, Myrtle Beach, etc. • Map skills- states, capitals and important cities of SE • Map skill- reading elevation maps 	<p>Regions - textbook Audio Text Outline maps Internet Visual aids Trade books Poetry -“Hurricane”</p>	4.T4b	Formative and Summative
March	Chapter 8- Water and Land of Midwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attributes of States in Midwest • Great Lakes linking Midwest to Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean • Effects of Zebra mussels on freshwater lakes in Midwest • Badlands of South Dakota • Midwest as one of the world’s leading farming regions (crop rotation, irrigation, etc.) 	<p>Regions - textbook Poem “Midwest” by Victoria Kruse Audio text Internet Transparencies Maps</p>	4.T4c	Formative and Summative State project- Report and State box (research)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Map skills- states, capitals and important cities of Midwest ● Map skills – comparing line and bar graphs 			
April	Chapter 10- Land and Resources of Southwest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attributes of states in SW ● Grand Canyon (formation, providing beauty and adventure, contributions of John Wesley Powell) ● Varied climates of Southwest ● Saguaro Cactus (adapted to desert life) ● technology of SW and impact on the USA ● Saguaro National Park, Arizona ● Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona ● Map skill- states, capitals and major cities in SW 	Regions - textbook Poem “Flashback” by Rebecca Salinas Music -“The Grand Canyon Suite” by Ferde Groffe Primary Source-President Theodore Roosevelt (His quote at The Grand Canyon on May 6, 1903 Audio text Transparencies Maps Internet	4.T4d	Write a newspaper article describing the plants and animals of the SW- Example: “Sonoran Sentinel” Formative and Summative
May	Chapter 12- The Land of the West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attributes of the states in the West ● Physical characteristics of the West (Rocky Mountains, Sierra Nevadas, the Great Basin, Yellowstone National Park, Aleutians, Cascades, Olympic) ● Varied climate (tropics, deserts, forests, etc.) ● Resources of the West (livestock, fish, greenhouse products, minerals, timbre, etc.) 	Regions - textbook Poem “Totem Pole” Transparencies Audio text Internet Maps	4.T4e	Travel brochures Formative and Summative
June	50 States Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identification of 50 states and capitals and location of states ● State nicknames ● National Landmarks 	Outline maps of USA Puzzles of USA Trade books Internet State song- “Wakko’s America”	4.T4	National Landmark project State Postcard Formative and Summative