

Department: History

Course Name: Fourth Grade Social Studies

Course Description:

The fourth-grade history curriculum looks at the historical timeline of major events through the lens of early settlement to modern day Virginians. The student will begin the year with an exploration of Virginia's geographical regions, physical features, and native peoples. With this knowledge, the student will engage in the study of the structure, cultures, conflict, and economy of Virginia's earliest colonies and tribes. The major wars of the United States' history will be studied through a critical analysis of their effects on Virginia's socio-economic state. The student will read primary and secondary documents critically and compare historical events to modern times. Finally, the student will study Virginia's modern era with empathic reflection of the historical consequences on today's world.

Content:

Virginia's Geography and Native Peoples
Colonization and Conflict
Growth and Expansion
Civil War and Post-War Eras
Virginia in Modern Times
Virginia Today

Skills:

Identify different types of regions
Analyze passages of founding documents
Demonstrate knowledge of the first permanent English settlement in America
Develop open-mindedness regarding the values and traditions of others
Understand the history of the United States beginning with Jamestown
Demonstrate knowledge of twentieth- and twenty-first century Virginia
Demonstrate knowledge of government, geography, and economics

Text and Materials:

Banks, Colleary, Greenow, et.al., Virginia Studies (Macmillan/McGraw-Hill, 1st ed., 2011)
Marsh, Carole Virginia Studies Social Studies: The Virginia Experience (Gallopade, 2023)
McStotts, The Gettysburg Address (Learning A-Z, 1st ed.)
Maps
Founding documents

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture
Projects
Textbook
Map Study
Worksheets
Research Papers

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Quizzes

Class projects
Homework
Classwork
Class participation

