

4th Grade Social Studies Topics: What will students do?

4th Grade: Regions of Our Country

TOPIC	STUDENTS WILL
Geographic Applications	Construct maps and other graphic representations of both familiar and unfamiliar places
Human-Environment Interaction	Explain how cultural and environmental characteristics of places change over time
Geographic Representations	Use maps, satellite images, photographs, and other representations to explain relationships between the locations of places and regions and their environmental characteristics
Historical Sources and Evidence	Summarize how different kinds of historical sources are used to explain events in the past
Opinion Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce a topic or text clearly, state an opinion, and create an organizational structure in which related ideas are grouped to support the writer's purpose (W.4.1a)• Provide reasons that are supported by facts and details (W.4.1b)• Link opinion and reasons using words and phrases (for example, for instance, in order to, in addition) (W.4.1c)• Provide a concluding statement or section related to the opinion presented (W.4.1d)• Produce clear and coherent grade-appropriate writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience (W.4.4)
Research and Information Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Produce clear and coherent grade-appropriate writing in which the development and organization are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience. (W.4.4)• Recall relevant information from experiences or gather relevant information from grade-appropriate print and digit sources. (W.4.8)• Take notes, categorize information, and provide a list of sources. (W.4.8)• Conduct short research projects that build knowledge through investigation of different aspects of a topic (W.4.7)• Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research (W.4.9)
Working with Multiple Sources	Integrate information from two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgeably (RI.4.9)
Processes, Rules, and Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and laws.• Explain how policies are developed to address public problems
Exchange and Markets	Identify examples of the variety of resources (human capital, physical capital, and natural resources) that are used to produce goods and services