



Marietta City Schools
2023–2024 District Unit Planner

Grade 1 Social Studies

Theme	<i>Unit 4 Inventors and Thinkers</i>	Unit duration (Days)	<i>20 - 40 Days</i>
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GA DoE Standards

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Information Processing Skills:

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- 1. Compare similarities and differences
- 2. Chronology
- 4. Distinguish between fact and opinion
- 5. Identify the main idea, detail, sequence of events, and cause and effect in a social studies context.
- 6. Identify and use primary and secondary sources
- 7. Interprets timelines, charts, and tables

Themes and Enduring Understandings:

Individuals, Groups and Institutions: The student will understand that what people, groups, and institutions say and do can help or harm others whether they mean to or not.

Location: The student will understand that where people live matters

Scarcity: The student will understand that because people cannot have everything they want, they have to make choices.

Time, Change, Continuity: The student will understand that some things will change over time, while others stay the same

Essential Questions

Factual—

What is an inventor?

What contributions did Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and George Washington Carver make?

What character traits did the historic figure show?

Inferential—

How did the choices made by the historic figure help our country?

Why do you think the historic figures made the choices they made?

How does the historic figure remind you of someone else we have studied?

Critical Thinking-

How is my life different because of the historic figure?

How is the life of historical figures like and unlike mine?

How do we use the inventions they made today?

Why do some things change over time, while other things will stay the same?

Tier II Words- High Frequency Multiple Meaning

invention

inventor

change

choice

Tier III Words- Subject/ Content Related Words

People- Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington Carver

Declaration of Independence

Colony

Great Britain

Assessments

Summative Assessment(s):

Inventors and Thinkers Anticipation Guide and Assessment

Assessment guides are designed to be given pre and post teaching and learning. Teachers can use the pre assessment to guide planning for instruction and providing differentiation to students as needed. Post teaching the assessments measure student understanding of unit content.

*Teachers can access the anticipation guides via the grade level Schoology Course.

Theme Based Writing Task and Rubric:

[Write a Poem](#) Write an action poem about a historical figure (Benjamin Franklin, but can be applied to all historical figures in the unit.)

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[What Were You Thinking?](#) Students will create a thought bubble showing what a historical figure was thinking at the time of his or her contributions (This lesson may be done for all historical figures in the unit.)

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[Who and Why](#) Students will use what they have learned to decide which inventor was the “best” and defend their choice. MATH CONNECTION: graph class responses

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Objective or Content	Learning Experiences	Differentiation Considerations
Teacher Supports	Parent Information Letter -Edit for school specific information Click here for GADOE Content Video (For Teachers only) Click here for Additional Content Video Teacher Notes for this unit Additional unit information may be found at GADOE Inspire	
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The Following Activities may be used to compare historical figures or demonstrate understanding about one.		
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<p>All for the Unit</p>	<p>Review Historic Figures. Students will match information about Benjamin Franklin, George Washington Carver, and Thomas Jefferson to the correct person. The lesson includes links to a digital option (explained in the recording) that teachers will attach as a google document to a Schoology Assignment and two versions of a cut, match, and past option.</p>	<p>Make this a true match game with students playing together.</p>

Recommended High Quality Complex Texts

Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin by Gene Barretta

First Peas to the Table: How Thomas Jefferson Inspired a School Garden by Susan Grigsby

Thomas Jefferson's Feast by Frank Murphy

A Weed is a Flower by Alike

George Washington Carver: The Peanut Wizard by Laura Driscoll

DE Videos

[History Kids: Benjamin Franklin](#) (has teachers guide)

[U.S. That's Us!: George Washington Carver](#)