



Marietta City Schools
2023–2024 District Unit Planner

Grade 4 Social Studies

Theme	<i>Unit 7 The Nation Expands</i>	Unit duration (Days)	<i>12 - 24 Days</i>
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GA DoE Standards

Georgia Standards:

SS4H3 Explain westward expansion in America.

- Describe the causes and events of the War of 1812; include the burning of the Capitol and the White House and the writing of “The Star Spangled Banner.”
- Describe the impact of westward expansion on American Indians; include the Trail of Tears, Battle of Little Bighorn and the forced relocation of American Indians to reservations.
- Describe territorial expansion with emphasis on the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the acquisitions of Texas (the Alamo and independence), Oregon (Oregon Trail), and California (Gold Rush and the development of mining towns).

SS4H4 Examine the main ideas of the abolitionist and suffrage movements.

- Discuss contributions of and challenges faced by Susan B. Anthony, Frederick Douglass, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Tubman.

SS4E1 Use the basic economic concepts of trade, opportunity cost, specialization, voluntary exchange, productivity, and price incentives to illustrate historical events.

- Describe opportunity cost and its relationship to decision-making across time (e.g., decisions to settle in the west).
- Explain how voluntary exchange helps both buyers and sellers (e.g., Gold Rush mining towns).
- Give examples of technological advancements and their impact on business productivity during the development of the United States (e.g., cotton gin, steamboat, steam locomotive, and telegraph).

SS4G1 Locate important physical and man-made features in the United States.

- Locate major physical features of the United States: the Atlantic Coastal Plain, **the Great Plains, the Continental Divide**, the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi River, and the Great Lakes.
- Locate major man-made features of the United States: New York City, NY; Boston, MA; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, D.C.; Gettysburg, PA; and the Erie Canal.

SS4G2 Describe how physical systems affect human systems.

b. Describe physical barriers that hindered and physical gateways that benefited territorial expansion from 1801 to 1861.

Information Processing Skills:

1. compare similarities and differences
2. organize items chronologically
3. identify issues and/or problems and alternative solutions
4. distinguish between fact and opinion
5. identify main idea, detail, sequence of events, and cause and effect in a social studies context
6. identify and use primary and secondary sources
7. interpret timelines, charts, and tables
8. identify social studies reference resources to use for a specific purpose
9. construct charts and tables
10. analyze artifacts
11. draw conclusions and make generalizations
12. analyze graphs and diagrams
13. translate dates into centuries, eras, or ages
14. formulate appropriate research questions
15. determine adequacy and/or relevancy of information
16. check for consistency of information
17. interpret political cartoons

Map and Globe Skills:

1. use a compass rose to identify cardinal directions
2. use intermediate directions
3. use a letter/number grid system to determine location
4. compare and contrast the categories of natural, cultural, and political features found on maps
5. use graphic scales to determine distances on a map
6. use map key/legend to acquire information from historical, physical, political, resource, product, and economic maps
7. use a map to explain the impact of geography on historical and current event
8. draw conclusions and make generalizations based on information from maps
9. use latitude and longitude to determine location
10. compare maps of the same place at different points in time and from different perspectives to determine changes, identify trends, and generalize about human activities
11. compare maps with data sets (charts, tables, graphs) and /or readings to draw conclusions and make generalizations

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

Conflict and Change: The student will understand that conflict causes change.

Production, Distribution, and Consumption: The student will understand the ways people make, get, and use goods and services may be different from how people in other places make, get, and use goods and services

Beliefs and Ideals: The student will understand that people's ideas and feelings influence their decisions.

Movement/Migration: The student will understand that moving to new places changes the people, land, and culture of the new place, as well as the place that was left.

Essential Questions

Factual—

What was the Louisiana Purchase?

Who explored the new territory?

What was the effect of westward expansion on the American Indians?

What differences were there in the way the settlers viewed the land and how the American Indians of the plains viewed it that led to conflict?

What was the economic impact of the end of the War of 1812 on the U.S.?

Why did England and France wish to restrict U.S. trade?

Inferential—

Why were Americans interested in expanding their territory?

How did American Indians utilize resources in their environment?

Why was the Battle of the Alamo a pivotal point in the Texas Revolution?

How did the Louisiana Purchase lead to further conflict and change?

Why did settlers feel they had a right to the land?

How would Britain's impressment of American sailors affect trade?

How did the physical geography of our country both help and hinder westward expansion?

How has the culture of American Indians changed with Westward Expansion?

Critical Thinking-

How can a single individual change a country?

How does location affect our way of life?

How can movement cause conflict and change?

Could conflict with the American Indians have been avoided?

Did the steam locomotive speed the process of Indian removal?

How does the migration of people affect others?

Tier II Words- High Frequency Multiple Meaning	Tier III Words- Subject/ Content Related Words
expansion westward territory mining relocation acquisition productivity development barrier gateway	War of 1812 Trail of Tears Battle of Little Bighorn Indian Reservations Lewis and Clark Expedition Oregon Trail Gold Rush opportunity cost voluntary exchange steamboat, steam locomotive, and telegraph Great Plains Continental Divide
Assessments	
<p><u>Summative Assessment(s):</u></p> <p>The Nation Expands Assessment</p> <p>Grades 3- 5 Assessments may be administered via the AMP App in Schoology. Teachers should reach out to their Academic Coach or the district Social Studies Coordinator to upload assessments to their Schoology Course.</p> <p>Standards: All GSE for the unit.</p> <p>* Teachers can access the Test Blueprint and Key via the grade level Schoology Group.</p> <p><u>Theme Based Writing Task and Rubric:</u></p> <p>Deal of the Century Research the Louisiana Purchase using the resources below, and create a newspaper article on, or an advertisement for the “Deal of the Century”.</p> <p>SS4H3 Explain westward expansion in America.</p> <p>c. Describe territorial expansion with emphasis on the Louisiana Purchase, the Lewis and Clark expedition, and the acquisitions of Texas (the Alamo and independence), Oregon (Oregon DBQ: Oregon Trail- Would you have continued or quit? Students investigate life on the Oregon Trail to determine reasons why individuals continued or quit the trek to the newly</p>	

acquired Western lands (*Teacher Notes: DBQ are intended to integrate ELA and SS Skills. Training in the DBQ process is highly recommended before utilizing DBQs.*)

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d. Explain how voluntary exchange helps both buyers and sellers (e.gGold Rush mining towns).

[DBQ: How did westward expansion impact American Indian cultures?](#) Students examine documents related to the cultures of American Indians in the Western Territory to determine how their cultures were impacted by American settlers’ moving to the territory

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Objective or Content	Learning Experiences	Differentiation Considerations
Teacher Resources	<p>Parent Information Letter- edit for school specific information</p> <p>Click here for GADOE Content Video (For Teachers only) Click here for an additional Content Video Teacher Notes for this unit Additional unit information may be found at GADOE Inspire</p> <p>Museum Box Unit. This unit has a Museum Box for Westward Expansion of the United States. It includes artifacts and lessons for the Louisiana Purchase/Lewis and Clark. Complete the Museum Box Request form to reserve the Museum Box.</p>	
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<p>All for the Unit</p>	<p>Come on Over Project Based Learning (if assigned at the beginning of the unit) OR culminating activity at the end of the unit. . Create a persuasive product to persuade people to settle out West.</p>	<p>Provide a brochure outline for students with sentence frames</p>
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Recommended High Quality Complex Texts

Seaman's Journal: On the Trail With Lewis and Clark Eubank by Patricia Reeder
Long May She Wave: The True Story of Caroline Pickersgill and Her Star-Spangled Creation by Kristen Fulton
The Town That Fooled the British: A War of 1812 Story by Lisa Papp
Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President by Ann Malaspina
Marching With Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women's Suffrage by Claire Rdolf Murphy
A Picture Book of Sojourner Truth by David Alder
You Want to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? by Jean Fritz
On the Oregon Trail by Elaine Landau
If You Traveled West on a Covered Wagon by Ellen Levin
They Came from the Bronx: How the Buffalo Were Saved from Extinction by Neil Waldman
Steamboat School by Deborah hopkins
Discovery Education Videos
[Growth of the Nation: Securing the Republic](#) (clips for this and previous unit)
[History Kids: The Louisiana Purchase](#)
[Lewis and Clark](#)
[America's Early Years and the War of 1812](#)
[Winners and Losers War of 1812](#)
[The Lewis and Clark Expedition](#)