

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 engage in discussion about the laws and practices that have built a system of oppression burdened upon people of color in our nation. The student will be challenged to recognize the systems and the cause and effects of these practices today in order to understand equality advocacy of minority groups. 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 landforms

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)

McStotts, The Gettysburg Address (Learning A-Z, 1st ed.)

United States and World Maps

Founding documents

Methods of Instruction:

Lecture

Projects

Textbook

Map/Globe Study

Worksheets

Research Papers

Methods of Evaluation:

Tests
Quizzes
Class projects
Homework
Classwork
Class participation

