



Curriculum Overview

Subject: Social Studies

Grade: 4

By the end of the year, you can expect your child to:

- Identify the three branches of government and describe the responsibilities of each of the three branches of government
- Explain the process of how a bill becomes a law
- Explain how citizens of the US are guaranteed fundamental rights by the United States Constitution
- Read and interpret different types of maps (i.e. political, physical, transportation maps)
- Describe Lenape life and culture, and compare and contrast Lenape life to present day life
- Summarize reasons why the Lenape migrated to and from New Jersey
- Summarize the impact of European colonization on Lenape culture
- Identify events leading from colonization up to the founding of the United States
- Identify New Jersey's involvement in slavery and the trans-Atlantic slave trade
- Study the past using historical documents and photographs
- Explain reasons why people left their homes in other countries to settle in the United States and New Jersey
- Gain an understanding of immigrant challenges and successes
- Identify and describe the major landforms of each region of the United States
- Understand how the Great Migration affected the economic, social, and cultural development of urban areas, especially those in the northern states
- Identify the regions of New Jersey and identify products produced in New Jersey
- Understand the environmental and economic impact of human practices on the earth
- Describe how goods and services were traded by barter

- Explain how a business makes a profit
- Explain the difference between supply and demand
- Explain how advances in transportation and communication have influenced the growth of trade around the world