

4th Grade Social Studies

Granite School District does not adopt any “instructional materials” for social studies. While the social studies instruction specialist recommends the following resources for their reliability and quality, they are not formally approved. Teachers are ultimately responsible for the “supplemental materials” used in their social studies instruction. Please refer to [Article X.A.6.Learning Materials](#) for further instruction and guidance on selecting “supplemental materials”.

Lesson Resources

[Becoming Utah](#): This is a curriculum developed by the Utah Department of Cultural and Community Engagement as part of the 125th anniversary of Utah becoming a state. There is a video that gives an overview of Utah history leading up to statehood as well as some additional lessons. The polygamy lesson is geared towards 7th grade, but the other lessons connect to 4th grade standards.

[Better Days](#): Lesson plans the focus on women and their role in Utah History, specifically surrounding the issues of women’s suffrage. Great option for integrating ELA standards.

[BYU Arts Partnership](#): This is a curated list of 4th grade lesson plans that integrate art and social studies.

[Finding Primary Sources for Elementary Grades](#): This is a collection of websites that provide excellent primary sources and in some cases accompanying lessons for K-12 social studies. There are also instructions of how to search the web to find additional primary sources.

[I Love History](#): This is a website run by the Utah Division of State History which tells a kid’s version of Utah history. Students can read information on people, places, events in time, and other Utah topics. There are even some games to play.

[KidCitizen](#): This website provides a growing set of interactive episodes where K-5 students work with primary source photographs to explore Congress and Civic Engagement. They follow the See, Think, Wonder framework. Each episode indicates an appropriate grade level.

[National Geographic for Kids](#): This is a great website detailing the history and geography of Utah. It reads like a student-friendly encyclopedia.

[Nearpod](#): So many amazing lessons. My favorite thing about this is you can sort by grade level, content, state standard (Utah’s actual standards not the national ones), and even strand!

[Our Past, Their Present](#): Primary source sets created by the Utah Historical Society on topics related to Transcontinental Railroad, mining & immigration, World War I, CCC (Great Depression), World War II, and Japanese Internment

[Teaching with Utah History](#): This is a collection of websites that have helpful resources for teaching Utah History.

[We Shall Remain](#): PBS Utah produced *We Shall Remain: A Native History of Utah*, a five-part documentary focusing on the stories and ways of the Ute, Paiute, Northwestern Shoshone, Goshute, and Navajo people. They have 7 elementary lessons.