



Social Studies Learning Standards (K–5)

This handout highlights what students are learning in **Social Studies** across grades K–5.



Kindergarten

- **History & Geography:** Learning how to read simple maps (school/classroom).
 - **Civics & Government:** Understanding similarities and differences among people, family roles, and community jobs.
 - **Economics:** Learning why and how money is used.
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Grade 1

- Understanding **past vs. present** events, holidays, and famous Americans.
 - Identifying continents, oceans, and poles on a globe.
 - Locating **North America, the U.S., and Massachusetts**.
 - Recognizing **U.S. symbols** (flag, eagle, etc.).
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Grade 2

- Reading maps and globes to find continents and major bodies of water.
 - Learning how **geography affects cultures**, including Native Americans.
 - Using **timelines** to understand history.
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Grade 3

- Locating **New England cities and landmarks**.

- Studying **early exploration** (Vikings, Columbus) and **early colonies** (Jamestown, Plymouth, Boston).
 - Exploring daily life, jobs, and education in early New England.
 - Learning about events leading to the **American Revolution**.
 - Comparing **local government then and now**.
 - Understanding early economics: reasons for exploration and natural resources.
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Grade 4

- Learning about **buying and selling goods and services**.
 - Exploring **immigration** and how people become U.S. citizens.
 - Identifying **national historic sites** and why they matter.
 - Understanding the **three branches of government**.
 - Locating regions, boundaries, and resources on maps.
 - Learning how geography shapes human activity.
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Grade 5

- Exploring **European encounters with Native peoples**.
 - Understanding the growth of the **13 Colonies**.
 - Learning the causes and key events of the **American Revolution**.
 - Discovering the principles of **democracy in the U.S. Constitution**.
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 *Our goal is to help students understand the past, explore their communities, and see how history, geography, government, and economics connect to their lives today.*