

Fourth Grade Urban Archive Curriculum Guide

Updated August 21, 2020

This document is designed to help educators navigate the content on Urban Archive for their lesson planning. The document is divided into the separate units outlined in the New York State Social Studies Scope and Sequence. Listed under each unit are the applicable standards. Each standard is further divided into two sections: “Stories with Lesson Plans” and “Relevant Stories.” The stories in the first section were created with specifically designed lesson plans. Relevant Stories do not contain pre-made lesson plans, but could be adapted for classroom use.

Make sure to check back! As more content is added, our curriculum guides will be updated.

[View all Fourth Grade related stories on Urban Archive here.](#)

Unit One: Geography of NY State

4.1: Geography of New York State: New York State has a diverse geography. Various maps can be used to represent and examine the geography of New York State.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**
 - *In Progress*

- **Relevant Stories**
 - [Don't Call Manhattan Schist: Or the Famous Rocks of New York](#)
 - [Such Great Heights: High Elevation Spots Across the Five Boroughs](#)

Unit Two: Native Americans: First Inhabitants of NY

4.2: Native American Groups and the Environment: Native American groups, chiefly the Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) and Algonquian-speaking groups, inhabited the region that became New York. Native Americans interacted with the environment and developed unique cultures.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**
 - [Education: Native Americans in New York](#)

- **Relevant Stories**
 - [The Lenape and Brooklyn](#)
 - [Blackfoot Confederacy Visits New York City](#)

Unit Three: Colonial and Revolutionary Periods

4.3: Colonial and Revolutionary Period in New York: European Exploration led to the colonization of the region that became New York State. Beginning in the early 1600s, colonial New York was home to people from many different countries. Colonial New York was important during the Revolutionary Period.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**
 - *In Progress*

- **Relevant Stories**
 - [Religious Freedom in Flushing](#)
 - [The Early Days of Queens](#)
 - [The Houses of the Historic House Trust](#)
 - [The Schneck-Crooke House](#)
 - [The Oldest Buildings on Staten Island](#)
 - [This Old House: Staten Island Edition](#)
 - [Remembering Brooklyn's Dutch Colonial Homes](#)
 - [The Wyckoff House Museum](#)
 - [The John Bowne House](#)
 - [The Hendrick I. Lott House](#)
 - [The Van Cortlandt House Museum](#)
 - [Federal Hall and New York's Capital Past](#)
 - [Tour for Independence: 5 Revolutionary War Sites in New York](#)

Unit Four: Freedom and the New Nation: Federal, State, and Local Government

4.4: Government: There are different levels of government within the United States and New York State. The purpose of government is to protect the rights of citizens and to promote the common good. The government of New York State establishes rights, freedoms, and responsibilities for its citizens.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**
 - [Education: The Different Levels of Government](#)

- **Relevant Stories**
 - [The Remarkable Story of Battery Park's Castle Clinton](#)

4.5: In Search of Freedom and a Call for Change: Different groups of people did not have equal rights and freedoms. People worked to bring about change. The struggle for rights and freedoms was one factor in the division of the United States that resulted in the Civil War.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**
 - [Education: Civil War in New York](#)

- **Relevant Stories**
 - [Sandy Ground, Staten Island](#)
 - [Civil War Tour](#)
 - [Terror, Murder, and Mayhem: the Draft Riots](#)
 - [The Underground Railroad in New York City](#)
 - [Central Park and the Destruction of Seneca Village](#)

Unit Five: Making the Empire State: Immigration, Industrialization, and Westward Movement (4.6, 4.7)

4.6: Westward Movement and Industrialization: New York State played an important role in the growth of the United States. During the 1800s, people traveled west looking for opportunities. Economic activities in New York State are varied and have changed over time with improvements in transportation and technology.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**
 - *In Progress*

- **Relevant Stories**
 - [New York's Livestock](#)
 - [Drink Deep! A Look at Turn-of-the-20th-century New York's Lost Natural Springs](#)
 - [Old Reservoirs](#)
 - [The Manhattan Bridge](#)
 - [Brooklyn Crossings: Subway Construction in Downtown Brooklyn](#)
 - [Lundin's Brooklyn](#)
 - [Lundin's Bronx](#)
 - [Bridges of New York City](#)
 - [The Time of Trolleys](#)
 - [The White Wings of New York](#)

4.7: Immigration and Migration from the Early 1800s to the Present: Many people have immigrated and migrated to New York State contributing to its cultural growth and development.

- **Stories with Lesson Plans**

- [Education: African American in Antebellum New York](#)

- **Relevant Stories**

- [The Work of Alice Austen](#)
- [Unsung Builders: The Building of the Brooklyn Bridge](#)
- [Interior Life: How the Other Half Lived](#)
- [German History Tour](#)
- [A Cross Roads of Immigration](#)
- [Ellis Island: The Gateway to America](#)
- [African American History Tour](#)
- [Elizabeth Jennings Graham and the Fight Against Segregation in New York](#)
- [Hospitals Through History](#)