HUDSONVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY COURSE FRAMEWORK



COURSE/SUBJECT

Fourth Grade Social Studies: United States Studies



UNIT	STANDARD Which Michigan state standards does the unit address?	KEY CONCEPTS/ VOCABULARY	ASSESSMENTS Which assessments are given to determine student growth?
Unit 1: Foundations in Social Studies	 3 - H3.0.1: Identify questions that historians ask in examining the past in Michigan (e.g., What happened? When did it happen? Who was involved? How and why did it happen?) See also 4-H3.0.1. 4 - G1.0.1: Identify questions geographers ask in examining the United States (e.g., Where is it? What is it like there? How is it connected to other places?) 4 - E1.0.1: Identify questions economists ask in examining the United States (e.g., What is produced? How is it produced? How much is produced? Who gets what is produced? What role does the government play in the economy?). 4 - C1.0.1: Identify questions political scientists ask in examining the United States (e.g., What does government do? What are the basic values and principles of American democracy? What is the relationship of the United States to other nations? What are the roles of the citizen in American democracy?). 	economics economist geography geographer government political scientist history historian	Unit Assessment
Unit 2: The United States in Spatial Terms	 4 - G1.0.1: Identify questions geographers ask in examining the United States (e.g., Where it is? What is it like there? How is it connected to other places?). 4 - G1.0.2: Use cardinal and intermediate directions to describe the relative location of significant places in the United States. 4 - G1.0.3: Identify and describe the characteristics and purposes (e.g., measure distance, determine relative location, classify a region) of a variety of geographic tools and technologies (e.g., globe, map, satellite image). 4 - G1.0.4: Use geographic tools and technologies, stories, songs, and pictures to answer geographic questions about the United States. 4 - G1.0.5: Use maps to describe elevation, climate, and patterns of population density in the United States. 4 - G2.0.1: Describe ways in which the United States can be divided into different regions (e.g., political regions, economic regions, landform regions, vegetation regions). 4 - G2.0.2: Compare human and physical characteristics of a region to which Michigan belongs (e.g., Great Lakes, Midwest) with those of another region in the United States. 	absolute location climate elevation human and physical characteristics of place political boundaries population density regions relative location spatial perspective special purpose maps topography	Unit Assessment

Unit 3: Human Geography in the United States	 4 - H3.0.2: Use primary and secondary sources to explain how migration and immigration affected and continue to affect the growth of Michigan. 4 - H3.0.7: Use case studies or stories to describe the ideas and actions of individuals involved in the Underground Railroad in Michigan and in the Great Lakes region. 4 - G1.0.1: Identify questions geographers ask in examining the United States (e.g., Where it is? What is it like there? How is it connected to other places?). 4 - G1.0.3: Identify and describe the characteristics and purposes (e.g., measure distance, determine relative location, classify a region) of a variety of geographic tools and technologies (e.g., globe, map, satellite image). 4 - G1.0.4: Use geographic tools and technologies, stories, songs, and pictures to answer geographic questions about the United States. 4 - G4.0.1: Use a case study or story about migration within or to the United States to identify push and pull factors (why they left, why they came) that influenced the migration. 4 - G4.0.2: Describe the impact of immigration to the United States on the cultural development of different places or regions of the United States (e.g., forms of shelter, language, food). 4 - G5.0.1: Assess the positive and negative effects of human activities on the physical environment of the United States. 4 - P3.1.1: Identify public issues in the United States that influence the daily lives of its citizens. 	adaptation to the environment culture human/ environment interaction immigration modification of the environment movement public issues push and pull factors resource use	Unit Assessment
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Unit 4: Exploring	4 - E1.0.1: Identify questions economists ask in examining the United States (e.g.,	circular flow	Unit Assessment
Economics	What is produced? How is it produced? How much is produced? Who gets what is	competition	
	produced? What role does the government play in the economy?).	division of labor	
	4 - E1.0.2: Describe some characteristics of a market economy (e.g., private	economic decision	
	property rights, voluntary exchange, competition, consumer sovereignty,	making	
	incentives, specialization). 4 - E1.0.3: Describe how positive (e.g., responding to a sale, saving money, earning	economics employment/	
	money) and negative (e.g., library fines, overdue video rental fees) incentives	unemployment	
	influence behavior in a market economy.	incentives	
	4 - E1.0.4: Explain how price affects decisions about purchasing goods and services	market economy	
	(substitute goods).	price	
	4 - E1.0.5: Explain how specialization and division of labor increase productivity	productivity	
	(e.g., assembly line).	public goods and	
	4 - E1.0.6: Explain how competition among buyers results in higher prices and	services	
	competition among sellers results in lower prices (e.g., supply, demand).	role of government	
	4 - E1.0.7: Demonstrate the circular flow model by engaging in a market	specialization	
	simulation, which includes households and businesses and depicts the interactions	supply/demand	
	among them.		
	4 - E1.0.8: Explain why public goods (e.g., libraries, roads, parks) are not privately owned.		
	4 - E2.0.1: Explain how changes in the United States economy impacts levels of		
	employment and unemployment (e.g., changing demand for natural resources,		
	changes in technology, changes in competition).		
	4 - E3.0.1: Describe how global competition affects the national economy (e.g.,		
	outsourcing of jobs, increased supply of goods, opening new markets, quality		
	controls).		
	4 - C3.0.7: Explain how the federal government uses taxing and spending to serve		
	the purposes of government.		
	4 - H3.0.5: Use visual data and informational text or primary accounts to compare		
	a major Michigan economic activity today with that same or a related activity in		
	the past.		

Unit 5: Our Federal	4 – C1.0.1: Identify questions political scientists ask in examining the United	Bill of Rights	Unit Assessment
Government	States (e.g., What does government do? What are the basic values and principles of	checks and	
	American democracy? What is the relationship of the United States to other nations? What are the roles of the citizen in American democracy?).	balances Constitution	
	4 - C1.0.2: Explain probable consequences of an absence of government and of	delegated/	
	rules and laws.	reserved/shared	
	4 - C1.0.3: Describe the purposes of government as identified in the Preamble of	powers	
	the Constitution.	executive/	
	4 - C2.0.1: Explain how the principles of popular sovereignty, rule of law, checks	legislative/judicial	
	and balances, separation of powers, and individual rights (e.g., freedom of religion,	branches of	
	freedom of expression, freedom of press) serve to limit the powers of the federal	government	
	government as reflected in the Constitution and Bill of Rights.	federal government	
	4 – C3.0.1: Give examples of ways the Constitution limits the powers of the federal	governmental	
	government (e.g., election of public officers, separation of powers, checks and	authority	
	balances, Bill of Rights).	individual rights	
	$4 - C_{3.0.2}$: Give examples of powers granted to the federal government (e.g.,	limited government	
	coining of money, declaring war) and those reserved for the states (e.g., driver's	popular sovereignty	
	license, marriage license). 4 – C3.0.3: Describe the organizational structure of the federal government in the	representative government	
	United States (legislative, executive, and judicial branches).	rule of law	
	$4 - C_{3.0.4}$: Describe how the powers of the federal government are separated	separation of	
	among the branches.	powers	
	$4 - C_{3.0.5}$: Give examples of how the system of checks and balances limits the	r	
	power of the federal government (e.g., presidential veto of legislation, courts		
	declaring a law unconstitutional, congressional approval of judicial appointments).		
	4 – C3.0.6: Describe how the President, members of the Congress, and justices of		
	the Supreme Court come to power (e.g., elections versus appointments).		