



Grade 4

The fourth grade social studies curriculum focuses on the political institution and historical developments with connections to New York State and the United States history. It highlights the structure and functions of the different branches of local government & the rights and responsibilities of citizens. At the local level, it examines such themes and events as: Native American Indians of New York State, the European encounter, the colonial and Revolutionary War period, the new nation, and the period of industrial growth and development in New York State.

- Examine the factors that motivated the exploration and discovery of the New World
- Explain the important accomplishments and contributions of Native American Indians who lived in our community and State
- Describe the major accomplishments and contributions made by the Dutch, English and the French to NY State
- Examine how the geographic features of NYS impacted the Revolutionary war
- Compare the viewpoints of the Patriots & Loyalists during the Revolutionary War
- Describe post Revolutionary War westward expansion
- Compare the NYS and US government
- Identify responsibilities of a citizen in a democracy
- Examine the Declaration of Independence, Preamble to the United States Constitution, Bill of Rights, Pledge of Allegiance, speeches, songs, and stories, and explain the fundamental values and principles of American democracy

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