

# Unit 4: Life Today and Long Ago

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## **Unit Overview**

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Chapter 4 focuses on the similarities and differences of life today with life long ago. Students will learn how technology, transportation, and ways to communicate have changed over time. Students will learn how inventions have changed people's lives to make their lives easier. Students will learn how to use clocks and calendars.

(Reference myWorld Interactive, Chapter 4)

## **Enduring Understandings**

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- The past, present, and future tell about time periods.
- Time is measured using clocks and calendars.
- Some aspects of schools and communities stay the same over time, but other aspects change.
- Technology, transportation, and ways to communicate have changed over time.

## **Essential Questions**

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### **Lesson 1: Measuring Time**

- What tools measure time?
- Which words tell about time periods?
- How are clocks and calendars similar and different?

### **Lesson 2: Schools and Communities Past and Present**

- How have schools and communities changed over time?
- How have schools and communities stayed the same over time?

### **Lesson 3: Daily Life Past and Present**

- How has daily life changed over time?
- How has daily life stayed the same over time?

### **Lesson 4: Changes in Technology and Transportation**

- How has technology and transportation changed over time?
- How has technology made people's lives easier?

## **Exit Skills**

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**By the end of Chapter 4, students will be able to:**

- Acquire and accurately use domain specific words.
- Differentiate between the past, present, and future.
- Recall how clocks and calendars measure time.
- Compare and contrast life in schools today and in the past.
- Recall how some communities changed over time while others stayed the same.
- Compare and contrast places people work today with places they worked in the past.
- Compare and contrast clothes people wear today with clothes they wore in the past.
- Compare and contrast people's manners today with the past.
- Understand how inventions changed people's lives over time.
- Remember how people's lives were affected by the change in technology.
- Explain how the present is connected to the past.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS)**

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SOC.6.1.4.C.14

Compare different regions of New Jersey to determine the role that geography, natural resources, climate, transportation, technology, and/or the labor force play in economic opportunities.

SOC.6.1.4.C.CS6

Creativity and innovation affect lifestyle, access to information, and the creation of new

SOC.6.1.4.C.CS7

products and services.

Economic opportunities in New Jersey and other states are related to the availability of resources and technology.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

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LA.RI.1.1	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.
LA.RI.1.2	Identify the main topic and retell key details of a text.
LA.RI.1.3	Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.
LA.RI.1.4	Ask and answer questions to help determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases in a text.
LA.RI.1.7	Use the illustrations and details in a text to describe its key ideas.
LA.RI.1.10	With prompting and support, read informational texts at grade level text complexity or above.
LA.W.1.8	With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.
LA.SL.1.1	Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
LA.SL.1.1.A	Follow agreed-upon norms for discussions (e.g., listening to others with care, speaking one at a time about the topics and texts under discussion).
LA.SL.1.1.B	Build on others' talk in conversations by responding to the comments of others through multiple exchanges.
LA.SL.1.1.C	Ask questions to clear up any confusion about the topics and texts under discussion.
LA.SL.1.2	Ask and answer questions about key details in a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media.
LA.SL.1.3	Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to gather additional information or clarify something that is not understood.
TECH.8.1.2.A.2	Create a document using a word processing application.
TECH.8.1.2.A.CS2	Select and use applications effectively and productively.

## Learning Objectives

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### Lesson 1: Measuring Time

- Recall tools that measure time.
- Identify words that tell time.
- Compare and contrast a calendar and a clock.

### Lesson 2: Schools and Communities Past and Present

- Analyze the changes made to schools and communities over time.
- Determine ways schools and communities have stayed the same over time.

### **Lesson 3: Daily Life Past and Present**

- Analyze the changes made to daily life over time.
- Determine the ways daily life has stayed the same over time.

### **Lesson 4: Changes in Technology and Transportation**

- Explain how technology and transportation have changed over time.
- Determine how technology and transportation have made people's lives easier.
- Justify reasons people respect Ruby Bridges.

## **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

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### **Chapter 4- Life Today and Long Ago**

- Rap About It
- Quest Project-Based Learning
- Jumpstart Activity

#### **Lesson 1: Measuring Time**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Map and Graph Skills

#### **Lesson 2: Schools and Communities Past and Present**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Quest Connection

#### **Lesson 3: Daily Life Past and Present**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Literacy Skills

#### **Lesson 4: Changes in Technology and Transportation**

- Jumpstart Activity
- Interactivity
- Quest Connection
- Primary Source
- Citizenship

See the myWorld Activity Guide for additional resources and activities.

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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**The following techniques will be implemented to check for understanding:**

- Quizzes
  - Unit tests
  - Multimedia Reports
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- Admit Tickets
  - Anticipation Guide
  - Common Benchmarks
  - Compare & Contrast
  - Create a Multimedia Poster
  - DBQ's
  - Define
  - Describe
  - Evaluate
  - Evaluation rubrics
  - Exit Tickets
  - Explaining
  - Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
  - Illustration
  - Journals
  - KWL Chart
  - Learning Center Activities
  - Multimedia Reports
  - Newspaper Headline
  - Outline
  - Question Stems
  - Quickwrite
  - Quizzes
  - Red Light, Green Light
  - Self- assessments
  - Socratic Seminar
  - Study Guide

- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep
- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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- myWorld Interactive consumable worktext
- myWorld Interactive teacher manual
- myWorld Interactive activity mats

## **Ancillary Resources**

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- BrainPop Educators (Calendar)
- BrainPop Jr. (Calendar and Dates)
- Nonfiction books (The Past)

## **Technology Infusion**

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- Starfall (Calendar)
- YouTube Video (Life in the Past)
- WebQuest (People in History)

## Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
Photostory 3  
Kid Story Builder  
Music Maker Jam  
Paint A Story  
Office 365  
MS PowerPoint  
Stack 'Em Up  
NqSquared Numbers  
Physamajig  
Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
Skydrive  
Lync  
SkyMap  
Skype  
Office 365  
Puzzle Touch  
Easy QR  
Memorylage  
Life Moments  
Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
MS Excel  
Flipboard  
Office 365  
Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
Record Voice Pen





## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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### **21st Century Skills & Technology:**

- English Language Arts
- Technology
- Mathematics
- Visual and Performing Arts

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- Information Literacy
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Global Awareness

## **Differentiation**

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### **The following differentiation strategies will be utilized:**

- As needed, provide more instruction that is on level or below grade level for the students who are struggling.
- Monitor progress, reteach as needed, and extend student thinking.
- Utilize multiple intelligences teaching strategies.

### **Differentiations:**

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

### **Hi-Prep Differentiations:**

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments
- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products

- Varying organizers for instructions

## **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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**The following strategies will be employed for students with IEP's and 504's:**

- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan.
- Check work frequently for understanding.
- Extended time on tests/quizzes
- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan
- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format

- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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**The following strategies will be employed for English Language Learners:**

- Decreasing the amount of work presented or required.
  - Using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify.
  - Allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning.
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- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
  - using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
  - allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
  - allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
  - allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
  - decreasing the amount of work presented or required
  - having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
  - providing study guides
  - reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
  - reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
  - tutoring by peers
  - using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
  - using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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### **The following strategies will be employed for At Risk Learners:**

- Decreasing the amount of work presented or required.
  - Teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information.
  - Tutoring by peers.
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- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
  - teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
  - allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
  - allowing students to select from given choices
  - allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
  - collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
  - decreasing the amount of work presented or required
  - having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
  - marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
  - modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
  - providing study guides
  - reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
  - reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
  - tutoring by peers
  - using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
  - using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
  - using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

### **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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#### **The following Talented and Gifted adaptations will be employed:**

- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery.
  - Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor.
  - Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities.
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- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
  - Advanced problem-solving
  - Allow students to work at a faster pace
  - Cluster grouping
  - Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
  - Create a blog or social media page about their unit
  - Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text

- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## Sample Lesson

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Using the template below, please develop a **Sample Lesson** for the first unit only.

Unit Name:

NJSLS:

Interdisciplinary Connection:

Statement of Objective:

Anticipatory Set/Do Now:

Learning Activity:

Student Assessment/CFU's:

Materials:

21st Century Themes and Skills:

Differentiation/Modifications:

Integration of Technology: