

# GR 4 Unit 6 The West

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## Unit Overview

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Unit Title: The West

Essential Question: What are the features that have drawn people to the West?

## Standards

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	Certain dispositions help individuals contribute to the health of American democracy.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.1	Use a variety of sources to describe the characteristics exhibited by real and fictional people that contribute(d) to the well-being of their community and country.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.2	Use evidence from multiple sources to construct a claim about how self-discipline and civility contribute to the common good.
SOC.6.1.5.CivicsCM.3	Identify the types of behaviors that promote collaboration and problem solving with others who have different perspectives.
SOC.6.1.5.GeoPP.1	Compare and contrast characteristics of regions in the United States based on culture, economics, and physical characteristics to understand the concept of regionalism.
SOC.6.1.5.GeoPP.2	Describe how landforms, climate and weather, and availability of resources have impacted where and how people live and work in different regions of New Jersey and the United States.
	Patterns of settlement differ markedly from region to region, place to place, and time to time.
SOC.6.1.5.GeoPP.6	Compare and contrast the voluntary and involuntary migratory experiences of different groups of people and explain why their experiences differed.
	Human activities affect environmental characteristics of places or regions resulting in positive and negative impacts.
	Interactions between humans has led to the spread of cultural practices, artifacts, languages, diseases, and other attributes as well as changes in environmental characteristics.
SOC.6.1.5.GeoGI.1	Use multiple sources to evaluate the impact of the movement of people from place to place on individuals, communities, and regions.

## Materials/Activities/Resources

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**Core materials:** Social Studies Alive! Regions of Our Country: [https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/staff/sign\\_in](https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/staff/sign_in)

Social Studies Alive! Regions of Our Country Primary Source Library:  
[https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/shared/programs/425/reference\\_materials?selected\\_unit\\_id=387&tag=Primary+S](https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/shared/programs/425/reference_materials?selected_unit_id=387&tag=Primary+S)

**Supplemental Resources:**

Newsela Social Studies Compendium: <https://newsela.com/signin>

Flocabulary: [www.Flocabulary.com](http://www.Flocabulary.com)

The most applicable grades for the **Amistad curriculum** units are offered here:  
<http://www.njamistadcurriculum.net/history/units>

GRADE 4 LESSON 6: A BOAT TOUR OF THE SOUTHEAST-Explain the Impact of Trans-Atlantic Slavery; musical and culinary contributions; discussion of segregation and birth of civil rights movement

LESSON 3: THE PEOPLING OF THE UNITED STATES How African American Arrived in America/Civil Rights Movement

The most applicable Lessons for **Holocaust Curriculum units** are offered here:

GRADE 4 SECOND STEP SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING CURRICULUM: Learning appropriate response to emotions and problem solving skills; teaching anti-bullying skills as well empathy and compassion, focusing on perspective and understanding differences

GRADE 4 LESSON 3: THE PEOPLING OF THE UNITED STATES: Increasing awareness of diversity and contribution of multiple cultures

LESSON 5: POPULATION DENSITY and LIFE in the NORTHEAST: Increasing awareness of demographic and societal differences in lifestyles

The most applicable lessons for **Asian American/Pacific Islander Units**

GRADE 4 LESSON 3: THE PEOPLING OF THE UNITED STATES: Settlement and contribution of Asian Americans

LESSON 4: TOUR OF NORTHEAST: Cultural diversity in New York City

The most applicable lessons for **Climate Change** are offered here:

GRADE 4      LESSON 7: THE EFFECTS OF GEOGRAPHY ON LIFE IN THE SOUTHEAST:  
The importance of and threats to natural resources, agriculture, effects of dangerous weather

LESSON 8: A TOUR OF THE MIDWEST: How land has changed, farming has  
changed as land has now been industrialized

## **Technology**

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Full list on district teacher page

Map resources:

<https://mapmaker.nationalgeographic.org/>

<https://earth.google.com/web/>

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide

### **Summative Assessment**

- Lesson Tests
- Unit Tests
- RSTs
- Essays

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
  - Additional time during intervention time
  - Preferred seating
  - Extended time for completing tasks
  - Graphic organizers
  - Vocabulary support
  - Leveled texts in NewsELA
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- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Leveled texts in NewsELA
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- Leveled texts in NewsELA

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## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

Cross-curricular: Writing in History Standards.

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Noticing, Seeking Challenges, Purpose, Growth Mindset, Belonging

## **21st Century Life Literacies & Key Skills**

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Financial Health

Financial Landscape

Money Management

Career Awareness and Planning

Creativity and Innovation

Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

Digital Citizenship

Global and Cultural Awareness

Information and Media Literacy

Technology Literacy

Standards in Action: Climate Change

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.

