

# a. Social Studies and Map Skills

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## Unit Overview

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### Essential Questions

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What do you learn in Social Studies?

How do visuals help while reading?

What is latitude and longitude?

What are cardinal directions?

What are intermediate directions?

What is relative location?

What are the components of a map?

What are the 4 landforms found in the US?

What are the 5 oceans and 7 continents?

What are natural resources?

How have the lands in the US changed over the years?

### Content

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The 8 strands of Social Studies are:

1. economics
2. citizenship
3. geography
4. social studies skills
5. government
6. history

7. science, technology, and society

8. culture

Latitude lines run east and west and measure north and south.

Latitude lines are parallels and include the equator

Longitude lines run north and south, measure east and west, and are called meridians.

Longitude lines include the Prime Meridian.

Use latitude and longitude to identify places on a map or globe.

A hemisphere represents half of the world and include northern, southern, eastern and western hemisphere.

Cardinal directions are north, south, east, and west.

Intermediate directions are northeast, southeast, northwest, and southwest.

Map symbols include a map key, symbol, locator map, compass rose

Identify the states in the United States

Identify the oceans and continents of the world.

Different landforms include mountains, plains, plateaus and basins

Map types include: Political map: shows states, cities, and country boundaries

Physical map: shows landforms

Elevation map uses colors to show elevations above sea level

Historical map: shows informations about past events

Road map: shows how to get from place to place using highways, roads, and points of interest

Natural resources can be renewable and nonrenewable.

Renewable resources can be replaced in a small amount of time.

Nonrenewable resources cannot be replaced.

## **Skills**

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Use different book sources as tools to enhance learning

Identify the difference between latitude and longitude.

Use latitude and longitude to locate specific areas on a map or globe.

Learn how to use a compass rose

Identify the cardinal and intermediate directions

Answer questions by looking at a map

Fill out a blank map of the world

Fill out a blank map of the states

Learn how to read a map effectively

Name examples of natural resources

Define renewable and nonrenewable resources

## **Assessments**

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Discussion and participation during the lessons

Teacher observation of map activities

Completed activity pages

Assigned worksheet pages

Notes

Chapter questions

Chapter reviews

Tests

## **Lessons/Learning Scenarios**

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Lesson 1 Using the Atlas: review important features in text, highlighted words, context clues, visuals and captions

Lesson 2 Using the Activity Globes and Maps: distinguish between physical, political, relief, historical and road maps

Lesson 3 Exploring Land and Water: use maps and globe to identify continents, oceans, states, countries, mountains, rivers, other land features

Lesson 4 Using Directions on a Globe: label a compass rose, identify cardinal, use kinesthetic skills and move in the correct direction

Lesson 5: Identify intermediate directions, use scale to identify distance on a map

Lesson 6: Using Latitude and Longitude on a Globe: use latitude - longitude grid on a map to identify places on a globe

Lesson 7: Using Latitude and Longitude on a Globe: use latitude - longitude grid on a map to identify places on a map

Look at different maps and identify scale, compass rose, lines of latitude and longitude

Use maps and pictures to show different land forms in US regions

Read and discuss natural regions

## **Standards**

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SOC.5-8.6.1.8.B.3.c

Use maps and other geographic tools to evaluate the impact of geography on the execution and outcome of the American Revolutionary War.

SOC.5-8.6.3.8.9

Make informed and reasoned decisions.

## **Resources**

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Our Country's History Teacher's Guide

Activity pages for lessons 1-8

Activity globes

Activity maps

Raised Relief maps

supplimental worksheets: Using a Map, Using Latitude and Longitude

World map

Teacher created resources

Teacher created assessment