

Fourth Grade
Social Studies Timelines

First Nine Weeks Units 1 and 2			
TEXT	Rigor	Relevance	Writing
Unit 1 The Geography of Texas	Make a Travel Brochure: - Gather material for a travel brochure for one of the four natural regions of Texas. Take notes on the region's major landforms, bodies of water, and other natural features. Also research the region's wildlife and five largest cities. (TE 17)	In Your Classroom: - Design a map of your ideal school. Design where your classroom would be as well as any other rooms you would want to have.	Narratives: - Write a composition about a storm you were in. - Write a composition about a place you traveled in Texas
Chapter 1 Overview of the State of Texas	Texas Map Overlay: - Students will develop a map of Texas Products and Regions - Use Hands-on Reading Activities Pages 6 and 7	Discussion Topics: - Why is it important to learn about the geography of our state? - How do you think the landforms and climate of Texas affect people's lives today? - What kinds of unusual weather have you seen or experienced in Texas?	Persuasive: - Think about the region of Texas you live in. Describe the region in a letter to a friend or family member who lives in another region. Explain why you think your region is a better place to live.
Lesson 1 Where on Earth is Texas?	Make a Mural: - Students research a region of Texas and study the land, river, lakes, etc.	At Home: - Encourage students to use geographic terms to describe where on Earth they live as well	Write for Photographs: - Encourage students to write to Space Center Houston to ask for pictures of Earth from space in which Texas