4th Grade Social Studies Guiding Questions

Unit 1: Map Skills: Examining the World and the United States

- 1. Can students identify key elements on a globe or map and utilize a map to answer a variety of questions?
- 2. Can students create a detailed map using landforms and map elements and locate major features on a U.S. map?
- 3. Can students differentiate among countries, regions, states, parishes, and cities?
- 4. Can students locate the best place for human settlement based on a map and given information?
- 5. Can students explain what influences patterns of land use and settlement according to history?
- 6. Can students identify and discuss early explorers and exploration in North America?
- 7. Can students construct and interpret a timeline, as well as compare and contrast primary and secondary sources?

Unit 2: Northeast Region

- Can students create a detailed map using landforms and map elements and locate major features on a U.S. map?
- 2. Can students compare the beliefs, customs, and traditions of various cultures and how they have changed over time?
- 3. Can students recognize the causes and effects of voluntary and involuntary migrations to and within the United States?
- 4. Can students locate the best place for human settlement based on a map and given information?
- 5. Can students discuss the cultural identities of various people in the original thirteen colonies and the impact on their cultural heritage?
- 6. Can students construct and interpret a timeline, as well as compare and contrast primary and secondary sources?
- 7. Can students identify leaders and their influence in the early development of America?
- 8. Can students explain the importance of events, ideas, and leaders significant to our nation's development and American democratic principles?
- 9. Can students explain the important ideas presented in American historical documents and how they are evidenced in daily lives?
- 10. Can students identify key elements on a globe or map and utilize a map to answer a variety of questions?
- Can students discuss how people impact their environment and in what way people depend on the environment?
- 12. Can students understand various maps and attributes in locating United States regions?
- 13. Can students explain the effects of natural events on people in regions?
- 14. Can students discuss the cultural identities of various people in the NE region?
- 15. Can students identify the significance of natural resources and interdependence to people and the economy?

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