



Social Studies

Grade 4

1st Nine Weeks



This academic overview can be used to monitor and support your child's at-home learning progress.

Unit 1: The Geography of Texas

Student Learning Targets

- I can identify, locate, and describe the physical regions of Texas.
- I can explain the geographic factors that influence where people live in Texas.
- I can explain why people have adapted to and modified the environment in Texas in both the past and present.
- I can compare the positive and negative consequences of human modification of the environment in Texas.
- I can identify how people in the different regions of Texas have earned their living in both the past and present.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- What are the names and geographic characteristics of the four regions of Texas?
- How have people adapted to and modified the environment in Texas in both the past and present?
- What are the consequences of human modification of the environment in Texas?
- What geographic factors influence the distribution of the population in Texas?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Region- an area of land that shares common characteristics
- Adapt- to change one's behavior so that it is easier to live in one's environment
- Modify- to make changes

Unit 2: Texas Citizenship

Student Learning Targets

- I can explain the importance of the Texas Constitution.
- I can describe the basic functions of the three branches of the Texas government.
- I can explain the importance of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.
- I can explain how individuals can practice civic participation at the local and state levels.
- I can identify leaders in the local, state, and national governments.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- Why are the Texas Declaration of Independence and the Texas Constitution important?
- Why are the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Bill of Rights important?
- What is the purpose of each of the three branches of the Texas government?
- How can individuals practice civic participation at the local and state levels?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Constitution- a written set of rules for the government of a country or state
- Legislature- the branch of government that makes laws
- Executive- the branch of government that enforces the law
- Judicial- the branch of government that applies the law