

**Social Studies Program:** Third through fifth grades use the Houghton Mifflin Social Studies series which is aligned to national and state benchmarks. The Prentiss Hall series is used in sixth and seventh grades as it is aligned with national and statewide benchmarks. The eighth grade focuses on Louisiana history through the use of the Clairmont Press series. It is also aligned with state benchmarks.

**Third grade** studies the state of Louisiana including the following major topics:

1. Communities and Parishes
2. Land and waterways
3. Regions and resources
4. Early Louisiana
  - a. Communities
  - b. Explorers  
Louisiana
  - c. LA colony
5. Struggle in North America & Effects in LA Responsibilities
  - a. French & Indian War
  - b. Creole & Cajun Culture
  - c. A New Nation
6. Territory & Statehood
  - a. Changes in LA
  - b. Cotton and Its Importance
7. Nation Divided
  - a. North & South
  - b. Civil War
  - c. Economics of the Times
8. Rebuilding Louisiana
9. People & Places of
10. Government of Louisiana
  - a. Rights &
  - b. State Government
  - c. Local Government
11. Jobs in Louisiana

Skill Lessons include the following:

1. Map & Globe Skills: review map skills, using map grids, using special purpose map
2. Chart & Graph Skills: read diagrams, make timelines, compare graphs, make & interpret a line graph
3. Reading & Thinking Skills: primary & secondary sources, make a decision
4. Graphic Organizers: cause & effect, compare & contrast, sequence, problem & solution, main idea & details, draw conclusions, predict outcomes, categorize

**Fourth grade** social studies provides an in-depth review of regions of the United States and regions of the world.

The topics taught are the following:

1. Geography of the World
  - a. Land and Water
  - b. Environment
  - c. Hemispheres
2. Regions

Skill Lessons:

1. Map & Globe Skills
  - a. Review Map Skills
  - b. Make a Map
  - c. Latitude & Longitude
  - d. Special Purpose Map

- a. U.S.
- b. Climate
- 3. Eastern U.S.
  - a. Land & Climate
  - b. Resources & People
  - c. New England
  - d. Mid-Atlantic
- 4. Southern U.S.
  - a. Land & Climate
  - b. Resources & People
  - c. The Upper & Lower South
- 5. Midwestern U.S.
  - a. Land & Climate
  - b. Resources & People
  - c. Great Lakes States
  - d. Plains States
- 6. Western U.S.
  - a. Land & Climate
  - b. Resources & People
  - c. Southwest
  - d. Mountain States
  - e. Pacific States
- 7. United States of America
  - a. Government
  - b. Regions & One Nation
- 8. World Regions
  - a. Canada & Mexico
  - b. South and Central America
  - c. Partners
  - d. Cooperation
- 2. Chart & Graph Skills
  - a. Make a Timeline
  - b. Read a Circle Graph
  - c. Read Charts/Graphs
- 3. Study Skills
  - a. Use Reference Mtls.
  - b. Report Writing
  - c. Prim./Second. Sources
- 4. Citizenship Skills
  - a. Point of View
  - b. Make Decisions
  - c. Resolve Conflicts
- 5. Reading & Thinking Skills
  - a. Historical Images
  - b. Summarize
  - c. Fact & Opinion
  - d. Draw Conclusions
- 6. Graphic Organizers
  - a. Main Idea & Details
  - b. Cause & Effect
  - c. Categorize
  - d. Compare/Contrast
  - e. Classify
  - f. Sequence
  - g. Problem & Solution

**Fifth Grade** social studies explores the early years of the history of the United States.

Main topics include:

- 1. A Look at the U.S.
  - a. Regions & Climate
  - b. Resources & People
- 2. People in early U.S. History
  - a. Ancient Americans
  - b. People of Various Regions
- 3. Exploration in the World
  - a. Travel & Trade
  - b. European Influences
- 4. Early Settlements
  - a. Northwest Passage
  - b. Roanoke & Jamestown
  - c. New England

Skill Lessons:

- 1. Map & Globe Skills
  - a. Review Map Skills
  - b. Latitude/Longitude
  - c. Read a Battle Map
  - d. Flow Lines on a Map
  - e. Reading Maps
- 2. Chart & Graph Skills
  - a. Parallel Timelines
  - b. Make a Line Graph
  - c. Compare Graphs
  - d. Reading Charts
  - e. Reading Graphs
- 3. Study Skills

- d. Dutch & French Colonies
- 5. Colonies
  - a. New England
  - b. Middle Colonies
  - c. Southern Colonies
- 6. American Revolution
  - a. Conflicts in the World
  - b. War for Independence
- 7. A New Nation
  - a. A New Beginning
  - b. An Early Republic
  - c. Growth
- 8. The Civil War
  - a. Struggle for Freedom
  - b. The Nation during War
  - c. Reconstruction
- 9. Immigration Effects
- 10. The Land of the Free

- a. Make an Outline
- b. Find/Eval. Sources
- c. Sources
- d. Reading Visuals
- 4. Citizenship Skills
  - a. Make a Decision
  - b. Point of View
  - c. Resolve Conflicts
- 5. Reading & Thinking Skills
  - a. Summarize
  - b. Cause & Effect
- 6. Graphic Organizers
  - a. Compare & Contrast
  - b. Sequence
  - c. Problem & Solution
  - d. Main Idea & Details
  - e. Draw Conclusions
  - f. Predict Outcomes
  - g. Categorize
  - h. Classify