

LINKS TO CONTENT STANDARDS

Grade Four

History - Social Science Standards

- 4.1.1 Explain and use coordinate grid system of latitude and longitude to determine absolute locations.
- 4.1.2 Distinguish between the North and South poles; the equator and Prime Meridian; the tropics; and the hemispheres using coordinates to plot locations.
- 4.2.2. Identify the early land and sea routes to, and European settlements in, California...noting especially the importance of mountains, deserts, ocean currents, and wind patterns.
- 4.2.4 Describe the mapping of, geographic basis of, and economic factors in the placement and function of the Spanish missions; and understand how the mission system expanded the influence of Spain and Catholicism throughout New Spain and Latin America.
- 4.2.5 Describe the daily lives of the people, native and nonnative, who occupied the presidios, missions, ranchos, and pueblos.

Analysis Skills (Grade K - Grade 5)

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In addition to the standards for kindergarten through grade five, students demonstrate the following intellectual, reasoning, reflection, and research skills:

Chronological and Spatial Thinking:

1. Students explain how the present is connected to the past, identifying similarities and differences between the two, and how some things change over time and some things stay the same.
2. Students use map and globe skills to determine the absolute locations of places and interpret information available through a map's or globe's legend, scale, and symbolic representations.

Research, Evidence, and Point of View:

1. Students pose relevant questions about events they encounter in historical documents, eyewitness accounts, oral histories, letters, diaries, artifacts, photographs, maps, artworks, and architecture.
2. Students distinguish fact from fiction by comparing documentary sources on historical figures and events with fictionalized characters and events.

Historical Interpretation

1. Students summarize the key events of the era they are studying and explain the historical contexts of those events.
2. Students identify and interpret the multiple causes and effects of historical events.

English-Language Arts Standards

Literary Response and Analysis

Structural Features of Literature

- 3.1 Describe the structural differences of various forms of literature, including fantasies, fables, myths legends, and fairy tales.

Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text

- 3.2 Identify the main events of the plot, their causes, and the influence of each event on future actions.
- 3.3 Use knowledge of the situation and setting and of a character's traits and motivations to determine the causes for that character's actions.

Grade Five History - Social Science Standards

5.8.5. Describe the continued migration of Mexican settlers into Mexican territories of the West and Southwest.

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English-Language Arts Standards Literary Response and Analysis

Structural Features of Literature

3.1 Identify and analyze the characteristics of poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction and explain the appropriateness of the literary forms chosen by an author for a specific purpose.

Narrative Analysis of Grade-Level-Appropriate Text

- 3.2 Identify the main problem or conflict of the plot and explain how it is resolved.
- 3.3 Contrast the actions, motives (e.g., loyalty, selfishness, conscientiousness), and the appearances of characters in a work of fiction and discuss the importance of the contrasts to the plot or theme.

