SOCIAL STUDIES OVERVIEW GRADE: FOURTH

Lemont-Bromberek CSD 113A

What is the story a fourth grader is able to tell by the end of the year?

Movement and Innovation have and continue to shape our ever-changing state. By investigating the movement of people, resources, and information we can better understand how our state has changed over time. People come to Illinois for a variety of reasons. They shape Illinois and Illinois shapes them. The perspective of people in Illinois has changed over time and varies from place to place within our dynamic state. Illinois plays a vital role in our nation and beyond.

Units of Study	Inquiry Skills	Civics	Economics	Geography	History
UNIT ONE	Asking Questions	Civic & Political	Exchange & Markets	Geographic	Causation &
	Asking Questions Develop essential questions and explain the importance of the questions to self and others. Create supporting questions to help answer essential questions in an inquiry. Selecting Sources Determine sources representing multiple points of view that will assist in answering essential questions. Evaluating Sources Gather relevant information and distinguish among fact and opinion to determine credibility of multiple sources. Constructing Arguments	Civic & Political Institutions Distinguish the responsibilities and powers of government officials at the local, state, and national levels. Explain how a democracy relies on people's responsible participation, and draw implications for how individuals should participate. Participation & Deliberation Identify core civic virtues (such as honesty, mutual respect, cooperation, and attentiveness to multiple perspectives) and democratic principles (such as equality, freedom, liberty, respect for individual rights)		8 1 2	
	and Explanations Develop claims using				
	evidence from multiple sources to answer essential questions. Construct and critique	Processes, Rules, and Laws Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and			

	arguments and explanations using reasoning, examples, and details from multiple sources. Taking Informed Action Use listening, consensusbuilding, and voting procedures to decide on and take action in their classroom and school.	laws in Illinois.			
Unit Two The Innovators and Innovations That Have Shaped Illinois Over Time	Repeated from Unit One	Processes, Rules, and Laws Explain how rules and laws change society and how people change rules and laws in Illinois.	Exchange & Markets Describe how goods and services are produced using human, natural, and capital resources (e.g., tools and machines). Economic Decision Making Analyze how spending choices are influenced by price as well as many other factors (e.g., advertising, peer pressure, options).	Geographical Representations Construct and interpret maps of our state and nation using various media. Hunan Population: Spatial Patterns & Movement Describe some of the current movements of goods, people, jobs, or information to, from, or within Illinois, and explain reasons for the movements.	Historical Sources & Evidence Using artifacts and primary sources, investigate how individuals contributed to the founding and development of Illinois. Causation & Argumentation Explain probable causes and effects of events and developments in Illinois history.
Unit Three Movement of People, Resources, and Ideas Over Time	Repeated from Unit One	Participation & Deliberation Identify core civic virtues (such as honesty, mutual respect, cooperation, and attentiveness to multiple perspectives) and democratic principles (such as equality, freedom, liberty, respect for individual rights) that guide our state and nation.	Addressed in Units One & Two	Geographical Representations Construct and interpret maps of our state and nation using various media. Human-Environment Interactions Analyze how the cultural and environmental characteristics of places	Perspectives Explain connections among historical contexts and why individuals and groups differed in their perspectives during the same historical period. Historical Sources & Evidence Using artifacts and primary sources, investigate how individuals contributed to

		change over time.	the founding and development of a Nation.
		Human Populations: Spatial Patterns & Movements Describe some of the current movements of goods, people, jobs, or information to, from, or within Illinois, and explain reasons for the	Causation & Argumentation Explain probable causes and effects of events and developments in history.
		movements.	