

Mrs. Evers
4th Grade Social Studies Syllabus
2011 - 2012 School Year

1st Nine Weeks

Chapter 1: What on Earth is Geography?

Chapter 1 discusses the importance of studying geography and introduces the landforms, bodies of water, and resources of the United States.

Chapter 2: Understanding Regions

Chapter 2 defines the concept of regions and introduces the four major regions of the United States as well as the climate regions of the United States.

Chapter 3: Exploring the East

Chapter 3 discusses the geography and history of the East, exploring its major land and water features as well as its climate, resources, economy, and settlement and population patterns.

2nd Nine Weeks

Chapter 4: Living in the East

Chapter 4 discusses the New England and Mid-Atlantic States regions, exploring how people have settled on and used the land as well as how social and government institutions have developed.

Chapter 5: Exploring the South

Chapter 5 discusses the geography and history of the South, including the importance of the Mississippi Delta and other land and water features as well as the economy, resources, and people of the region.

Chapter 6: Living in the South

Chapter 6 examines two regions of the South, the Upper South and the Lower South, exploring the states of these regions and their major cities such as Memphis and Houston.

3rd Nine Weeks

Chapter 7: Exploring the Midwest

Chapter 7 discusses the geography and history of the Midwest region, examining the importance of the Mississippi River and Great Lakes as well as the region's economy, resources, and people.

Chapter 8: Living in the Midwest

Chapter 8 examines two regions of the Midwest – The Great Lakes and The Plains States – exploring the states of these regions and major cities such as Chicago and St. Louis.

Chapter 9: Exploring the West

Chapter 9 discusses the geography and history of the United States' West, examining the region's economy, resources, and people.

4th Nine Weeks

Chapter 10: Living in the West

Chapter 10 examines the three regions of the West – The Southwest, the Mountain States, and the Pacific States – exploring the states of these regions and major cities such as Phoenix, Denver, and Seattle.

Chapter 11: Here in the Americas

Chapter 11 discusses the United States and its place in the Americas, examining the United States government and exploring the other countries of North, Central, and South America.

Chapter 12: Beyond the Americas

Chapter 12 examines the world regions beyond the Americas, exploring the United States' relationships with allies, trade partners, and the United Nations.