

Walton Academy
3rd Grade Social Studies
Goals and Objectives

History

Understand how events, individuals and ideas have influenced the history of local and regional communities.

- Explain key historical events that occurred in the local community and regions over time.
- Analyze the impact of contributions made by diverse historical figures in local communities and regions over time.
- Exemplify the ideas that were significant in the development of local communities and regions. .

Use historical thinking skills to understand the context of events, people and places

- Explain change over time through historical narratives. (events, people and places)
- Explain how multiple perspectives are portrayed through historical narratives.

Geography and Environmental Literacy

Understand the earth's patterns by using the 5 themes of geography: (location, place, human environment interaction, movement and regions).

- Find absolute and relative locations of places within the local community and region.
- Compare the human and physical characteristics of places.
- Exemplify how people adapt to, change and protect the environment to meet their needs.
- Explain how the movement of goods, people and ideas impact the community.
- Summarize the elements (cultural, demographic, economic and geographic) that define regions (community, state, nation and world).
- Compare various regions according to their characteristics.

Economics and Financial Literacy

Understand how the location of regions affects activity in a market economy.

- Explain how location impacts supply and demand.
- Explain how locations of regions and natural resources influence economic development (industries developed around natural resources, rivers and coastal towns).

Understand entrepreneurship in a market economy.

- Explain why people become entrepreneurs.
- Give examples of entrepreneurship in various regions of our state.

Civics and Government

Understand the development, structure and function of local government.

- Summarize the historical development of local governments.
- Describe the structure of local government and how it functions to serve citizens.
- Understand the three branches of government, with an emphasis on local government.

Understand how citizens participate in their communities.

- Exemplify how citizens contribute politically, socially and economically to their community.
- Exemplify how citizens contribute to the well-being of the community's natural environment.
- Apply skills in civic engagement and public discourse (school, community)

Culture

Understand how diverse cultures are visible in local and regional communities.

- Compare languages, foods and traditions of various groups living in local and regional communities.
- Exemplify how various groups show artistic expression within the local and regional communities.

- Use non-fiction texts to explore how cultures borrow and share from each other (foods, languages, rules, traditions and behaviors).

Supplementary Books and Materials:

- Steck-Vaughan
- McGraw-Hill
- Epic! Books
- Teacher Created Materials