

# Social Studies

## GRADE 2

### STANDARD 1

#### History

*The student uses materials drawn from the diversity of human experience to analyze and interpret significant events, patterns and themes in the history of the United States and the world.*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.1.1: Chronology: Use a calendar to determine the day, week, month and year**

**Indicators:**

- 2.1.1.1 Measure calendar time by days, weeks, months and years
- 2.1.1.2 List the days of the week and months of the year in order

**Benchmark 2.1.2: Chronology: Place events in correct order on a time line**

**Indicator:**

- 2.1.2.1 Place a series of related events in chronological order on a time line

**Benchmark 2.1.3: Daily Life: Compare daily life in the past and present demonstrating an understanding that while basic human needs remain the same, they are met in different ways in different times and places.**

**Indicators:**

- 2.1.3.1 Use historical artifacts, photographs, biographies, maps, diaries and folklore to answer questions about daily life in the past
- 2.1.3.2 Identify the work that people performed to make a living in the past and explain how jobs in the past are similar and/or different from those of today
- 2.1.3.3 Identify and describe examples of how science and technology have changed the daily lives of people and compare:
  - a. Forms of communication from the past and present
  - b. Forms of transportation from the past and present

**Benchmark 2.1.4: Heritage: Recognize that the actions of individuals make a difference, and relate the stories of people from diverse backgrounds who have contributed to the heritage of the United States.**

**Indicator:**

- 2.1.4.1 Recognize the importance of individual action and character and explain how they have made a difference in others' lives with emphasis on the importance of:
  - a. Social and political leaders in the United States (e.g., George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Tecumseh, Harriet Tubman, Abraham Lincoln, Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Martin Luther King Jr.)
  - b. Explorers, inventors and scientists (e.g., George Washington Carver, Thomas Edison, Charles Drew, Rachel Carson and Neil Armstrong)

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### People in Societies

*The student will use knowledge of perspectives, practices and products of cultural, ethnic and social groups to analyze the impact of their commonality and diversity within local, national, regional and global settings.*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.2.1: Cultures: Identify practices and products of diverse cultures**

**Indicator:**

2.2.1.1 Describe the cultural practices and products of people on different continents

**Benchmark 2.2.2: Diffusion: Identify ways that different cultures within the United States and the world have shaped our national heritage.**

**Indicators:**

- 2.2.2.1 Describe ways in which language, stories, folktales, music and artistic creations serve as expressions of culture and influence the behavior of people living in a particular culture
- 2.2.2.2 Explain how contributions of different cultures within the United States have influenced our common national heritage
- 2.2.2.3 Describe the contributions of significant individuals, including artisans, inventors, scientists, architects, explorers and political leaders to the cultural heritage of the United States

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### Geography

*The student will use knowledge of geographic locations, patterns and processes to show the interrelationship between the physical environment and human activity, and to explain the interactions that occur in an increasingly interdependent world.*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.3.1: Location: Identify the location of the United States, the continents and oceans on maps, globes and other geographic representations**

**Indicators:**

- 2.3.1.1 Read and interpret a variety of maps
- 2.3.1.2 Construct a map that includes a map title and key that explains all symbols that are used
- 2.3.1.3 Name and locate the continents and oceans

**Benchmark 2.3.2: Places and Regions: Identify physical and human features of places**

**Indicator:**

- 2.3.2.1 Describe and locate landforms (plateaus, islands, hills, mountains, valleys) and bodies of water (creeks, ponds, lakes, oceans) in photographs, maps and 3-D models

**Benchmark 2.3.3: Human Environmental Interaction: Explain how environmental processes influence human activity and ways humans depend on and adapt to the environment**

**Indicators:**

- 2.3.3.1 Compare how land is used in urban, suburban and rural environments
- 2.3.3.2 Identify ways in which people have responded to and modified the physical environment such as building roads and clearing land for urban development

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## STANDARD 4

### Economics

*The student will use economic reasoning skills and knowledge of major economic concepts, issues and systems in order to make informed choices as producers, consumers, savers, investors, workers and citizens in an interdependent world*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.4.1: Scarcity and Resource Allocation: Explain how the scarcity of resources requires people to make choices to satisfy their wants**

**Indicator:**

- 2.4.1.1 Explain how resources can be used in various ways (e.g., a bushel of corn could be fed to cows, used to make sweetener, or converted to fuel)

**Benchmark 2.4.2: Production, Distribution and Consumption: Distinguish between goods and services and explain how people can be both buyers and sellers of goods and services**

**Indicators:**

- 2.4.2.1 Explain how people are both buyers and sellers of goods and services
- 2.4.2.2 Recognize that most people work in jobs in which they produce a few special goods or services
- 2.4.2.3 Explain why people in different parts of the world earn a living in a variety of way

**Benchmark 2.4.3: Markets: Explain ways that people may obtain goods and services**

**Indicator:**

- 2.4.3.1 Recognize that money is a generally accepted medium of exchange for goods and services and that different countries use different forms of money

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### STANDARD 5

#### Government

*The student will use knowledge of the purposes, structures and processes of political systems at the local, state, national and international levels to understand that people create systems of government as structures of power and authority to provide order, maintain stability and promote the general welfare.*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.5.1: Role of Government: Identify elected leaders and authority figures in the home, school and community and explain reasons for having persons in authority**

**Indicators:**

- 2.5.1.1 Identify leaders such as mayor, governor and president, and explain that they are elected by the people
- 2.5.1.2 Explain how a system of government provides order to a group such as a school or community and why government is necessary including:
  - a. Making and enforcing laws
  - b. Providing leadership
  - c. Providing services
  - d. Resolving disputes

**Benchmark 2.5.2: Role of Government: Recognize and explain the importance of symbols and landmarks of the United States**

**Indicator:**

- 2.5.2.1 Explain the importance of landmarks in the United States and the ideals that they represent including:
  - a. The Washington Monument
  - b. The Jefferson Memorial
  - c. The Lincoln Memorial

**Benchmark 2.5.3: Rules and Laws: Explain the purposes of rules in different settings and the results of adherence to, or violation of, the rules**

**Indicators:**

- 2.5.3.1 Explain the purpose of rules in the workplace
- 2.5.3.2 Predict the consequences of following rules or violating rules in different settings

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## STANDARD 6

### Citizenship Rights and Responsibilities

*The student will use knowledge of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in order to examine and evaluate civic ideals and to participate in community life and the American democratic system*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.6.1: Participation: Describe the results of cooperation in group settings and demonstrate the necessary skills**

**Indicator:**

- 2.6.1.1 Demonstrate skills and explain the benefits of cooperation when working in group settings:
- a. Manage conflict peacefully
  - b. Display courtesy
  - c. Respect others

**Benchmark 2.6.2: Rights and Responsibilities: Demonstrate personal accountability, including making choices and taking responsibility for personal actions**

**Indicators:**

- 2.6.2.1 Demonstrate self-direction in tasks within the school community (e.g., classroom, cafeteria and playground)
- 2.6.2.2 Demonstrate citizenship traits including:
- a. Honesty
  - b. Self-assurance
  - c. Respect for the rights of others
  - d. Persistence
  - e. Patriotism

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## STANDARD 7

### Social Studies Skills and Methods

*The students will collect, organize, evaluate and synthesize information from multiple sources to draw logical conclusions. Students communicate this information using appropriate social studies terminology in oral, written or multimedia form and apply what they have learned to societal issues in simulated or real-world settings.*

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.7.1: Obtaining Information: Obtain information from oral, visual, print and electronic sources**

**Indicators:**

- 2.7.1.1 Obtain information from oral, visual and print sources
- 2.7.1.2 Identify sources used to gather information:
  - a. People
  - b. Printed materials
  - c. Electronic sources

**Benchmark 2.7.2: Thinking and Organizing: Predict outcomes based on factual information**

**Indicator:**

- 2.7.2.1 Predict the next event in a sequence
- 2.7.2.2 Distinguish the difference between fact and fiction in oral, visual and print materials

**Benchmark 2.7.3: Communicating Information: Communicate information orally, visually or in writing**

**Indicator:**

- 2.7.3.1 Communicate information in writing

**Benchmark 2.7.4: Problem Solving: Identify a problem and work in groups to solve it**

**Indicator:**

- 2.7.4.1 Use problem solving/decision making skills to identify a problem and gather information while working independently and in groups

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The student applies a Christian perspective to historic events and social studies concepts.

To meet this standard, the student will:

**Benchmark 2.8.1: Understand that God directs the course of history.**

2.8.1.1 Identify that the Bible tells God's history.

2.8.1.2. Identify that God is in control and has a purpose for events in history, including man's successes.

**Benchmark 2.8.2: Understand that the Bible teaches us about God's design for government and economics.**

2.8.2.1 See current situations through a Christian worldview

**Benchmark 2.8.3: Understand that God preserves and controls His creation so that it continues to function as He planned.**

2.8.3.1 See examples of how God has helped people in history.

**Benchmark 2.8.4: Understand that God created everything for His own purpose, and creation is meant to praise and glorify God.**

2.8.4.1 See how God is evident in geography and creation.

**Benchmark 2.8.5: Understand that God uses His creation to teach people eternal truth through the study of social studies.**

2.8.5.1 Identify patterns and order in social studies that point to God as the creator.

2.8.5.2 Explain how human inventions/ inventors point to creative design.

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