

Dominican International School Kaohsiung



Course Syllabus

Subject: Social Studies

Grade: 4 **School Year:** 2023-24

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Course Description:

Overall Description: Grade 4 social studies uses the *Pearson My World Social Studies* textbook which focuses on geography, history, government and the economy. Students will have the opportunity to think critically about the world around them while building geography skills and an understanding of the world they live in. The essential questions will allow for students to establish personal meaning and connect to the content in the chapter.

Course Textbooks/Programs:

Primary Textbook:

Bennett, L. B., & Kracht, J. B. (2019). *MyWorld interactive social studies*. Boston, MA: Pearson.

Class Materials Required:

- One (1) spiral-bound lined notebooks, size A4
- *Plus* Items on the *Grade 4 Required Classroom Materials List*

Classroom Expectations

In order to promote a safe and positive classroom community and an environment conducive to learning, all students will:

Respect Self

- Listen and follow directions the first time they are given
- Come to class prepared and on time
- Complete all assignments
- Choose to use words that are appropriate for school
- Speak only in English
- Do your best!

Respect Others

- Listen actively to what others have to say and take turns in conversations
- Raise your hand before speaking
- Follow all of the DISK Handbook rules and procedures

Respect Property

- Handle all school and classroom equipment appropriately and with care
- Ask before touching other people's belongings

Assessment:

Formative, summative, and pre-assessments in the form of projects, quizzes, homework assignments, presentations, quizzes, tests, and quarter exams contribute to the final quarter grade. In addition, students will be assessed for deportment following the D^{OP} STARS Expected School-wide Learning Objectives (SLOs) which are Spiritual, Truthful, Active, Responsible and Studious.

30% Class Participation & Seatwork, Homework

30% Minor Projects, Portfolio, Unit Tests & Major Projects

30% Quarter Exam/Assessment

10% Deportment

Quarter One - Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	<p>Introductions</p> <p>How does geography affect the way we live?</p> <p>Chapter 1: Geography of the United States</p> <p>Lesson 1 - Land and Regions in the United States</p>
Week 2	<p>Chapter 1: Geography of the United States</p> <p>Lesson 1 - Land and Regions in the United States</p> <p>Lesson 2 - Weather and Climate</p>
Week 3	<p>Chapter 1: Geography of the United States</p> <p>Lesson 2 - Weather and Climate</p> <p>Lesson 3 - Regions and Resources</p>
Week 4	<p>Chapter 1: Geography of the United States</p> <p>Lesson 3 - Regions and Resources</p>
Week 5	<p>Chapter 1: Geography of the United States</p> <p>Lesson 4 - People and the Land</p>
Week 6	<p>Chapter 1</p> <p><i>Chapter 1 Review and Assessment</i></p> <p>Lesson 1&2 Connections to Taiwan</p>
Week 7	<p>Chapter 1</p> <p>Lesson 1&2 Connections to Taiwan</p>
Week 8	Review Q1 Material for Exams
Week 9	Q1 Exam Week

Quarter Two - Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	How have we stayed the same or changed during our history? Chapter 2: Americans and Their History Lesson 1 - America and Europe
Week 2	Chapter 2: Americans and Their History Lesson 1 - America and Europe Lesson 2 - A New Nation
Week 3	Chapter 2: Americans and Their History Lesson 2 - A New Nation Lesson 3 - Growth and Civil War
Week 4	Chapter 2: Americans and Their History Lesson 3 - Growth and Civil War Lesson 4 - The United States Becomes a World Power
Week 5	Chapter 2: Americans and Their History Lesson 4 - The United States Becomes a World Power Lesson 5 - The United States Since World War II
Week 6	Chapter 2 Lesson 5 - The United States Since World War II Connections to the History of Taiwan
Week 7	Chapter 2 Connections to the History of Taiwan
Week 8	Review material for Q2 Exams
Week 9	Q2 Exam Week
Week 10	Christmas Program

Quarter Three - Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	What is special about American government? Chapter 3: Government in the United States Lesson 1 - Principles of Our Government
Week 2	Chapter 3: Government in the United States Lesson 1 - Principles of Our Government Lesson 2 - How Our Government Works
Week 3	Chapter 3: Government in the United States Lesson 2 - How Our Government Works Lesson 3 - Our Rights and Responsibilities
Week 4	Chapter 3: Government in the United States Lesson 3 - Our Rights and Responsibilities Connections to the Government of Taiwan
Week 5	Chapter 3: Government in the United States Connections to the Government of Taiwan
Week 6	Chapter 4: The Nation's Economy Lesson 1 - What is the Economy?
Week 7	Chapter 4: The Nation's Economy Lesson 2 - Trade and Markets Lesson 3 - People and the Economy
Week 8	Chapter 4: The Nation's Economy Lesson 3 - People and the Economy
Week 9	Q3 Exam Week
Week 10	ITBS Testing

Quarter Four- Pacing Guide

Week/Dates	TOPIC/TARGETS
Week 1	Chapter 4: The Nation's Economy Lesson 4 - A Global Economy
Week 2	Chapter 4: The Nation's Economy Lesson 4 - A Global Economy
Week 3	Map Skills/Final Geography Project
Week 4	Map Skills/Final Geography Project
Week 5	Map Skills/Final Geography Project
Week 6	Map Skills/Final Geography Project
Week 7	Q4 Material Review for Exams
Week 8	Q4 Exams
Week 9	Review all concepts covered
Week 10	Closing Mass/Graduation

