

GRADE 1

CONCEPTUAL STRANDS	ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS
PLACES and ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shelters of families are different in different parts of the world. ▪ All living things use the earth. ▪ People live in many different locations. ▪ Where people live affects the way they live. ▪ Land and water make up the earth. ▪ The map is a picture of a real place as seen from above. ▪ People use symbols to represent features of the earth on a map.
INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, and INSTITUTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People change. ▪ Individuals display uniqueness. ▪ Families change. ▪ Families display unique and special qualities. ▪ Families live in different neighborhoods. ▪ Neighbors help each other. ▪ Family roles differ. ▪ We can learn about ourselves and others through traditions and celebrations. ▪ Holidays and traditions reflect beliefs and values (customs). ▪ People have different cultures.
POWER, AUTHORITY, and GOVERNANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rules and laws guide people to live and be responsible citizens. ▪ Different rules exist in different places. ▪ People vote to make decisions and express opinions. ▪ Citizens can create change through voting. ▪ People in authority enforce rules. ▪ People follow steps to resolve a conflict. ▪ People work together to solve problems.
PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, and DISTRIBUTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wants and basic needs exist for all people. ▪ People make choices about how to make, earn, buy, sell, trade and donate money. ▪ People in a community do different kinds of work. ▪ People make choices about how to spend money. ▪ There is a difference between goods and services. ▪ A person's job results in producing goods and services.
SOCIETY, SCIENCE, and TECHNOLOGY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The way people live has been impacted by inventions. ▪ Some things change over time while others stay the same.
CITIZENSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People follow steps to resolve a conflict. * ▪ Responsible citizens follow rules and laws. ▪ All individuals have rights. ▪ The United States has national symbols and landmarks that represent freedom. ▪ There have been important leaders for freedom in our country. ▪ Freedom provides the opportunity to make choices.
GLOBAL CONNECTIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ People can learn to speak different languages. ▪ Different cultures have different languages, beliefs, customs, ceremonies or traditions. ▪ Although Americans come from different backgrounds, they share some of the same beliefs. ▪ People trade goods and services with each other. ▪ Native Americans and immigrants have both helped define American culture.