

Social Studies Curriculum

Grade 4

Important Concepts

- Basic ideas included in the Constitution
- Organization of government
- How the United States Constitution includes shared power
- Bill of Rights
- The influence of technology in the Northern and Southern economies
- Impact of the United States expanding its territories between 1800 and 1860
- Louisiana Purchase
- Lewis and Clark
- Oregon and Oregon Trail
- California Gold Rush and mining towns
- Differences between the economies of the North and the South
- Causes of the Civil War including the vast differences between the North and South
- Major events throughout the Civil War
- How the United States was rebuilt following the Civil War
- Social, political, and economic implications of slavery in the United States

Vocabulary

represent (representative)
constitution (unconstitutional)
confederation
delegate
abolish
preamble
justice
legislative
judicial
bill
veto
treaty
appeal
interpret
supreme (U.S. Supreme Court)
amend (amendment)
budget
revolution
textile
technology
immigrant (immigration)
expansion
pioneer
emigrant
expedition
prairie
frontier
fertile
landmark
plains competition
supply and demand
industrial (industry)
manufacture
mills
plantation
interchangeable parts mass production
canal

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social
political
reinforce (reinforcement)
federal
confederate (confederation)
union
rights
abolish (abolitionist)
segregate (segregation)
construct (construction, reconstruction)
secede (secession)
auction
economy
blockade
tariff
aid