**SOCIAL STUDIES** 

## **American History Historical Inquiry and Analysis** Analyze primary and secondary sources. Utilize technology resources to gather information from primary and secondary sources. Define terms related to the social sciences. Geography Quarter 1 The World in Spatial Terms Use thematic maps, tables, charts, graphs, and photos to analyze geographic information. Review basic map elements (coordinate grid, cardinal and intermediate directions, title, compass rose, scale, key/legend with symbols). Label the continents and oceans on a world map. Name and identify the purpose of maps (physical, political, elevation, population). Compare maps and globes to develop an understanding of the concept of distortion. Use maps to identify different types of scale to measure distances between two places. Geography **Places and Regions** Label the countries and commonwealths in North America (Canada, United States, Mexico) and in the Caribbean (Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica). Identify the five regions of the United States. Label the states in each of the five regions of the United States. Quarter 2 Describe the physical features of the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Identify natural and man-made landmarks in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Investigate how people perceive places and regions differently by conducting interviews, mental mapping, and studying news, poems, legends, and songs about a region or area. **Physical Systems** Describe the climate and vegetation in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. Describe the natural resources in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

## **GRADE 3**

	<ul> <li>Human Systems</li> <li>Explain how the environment influences settlement patterns in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.</li> <li>Identify the cultures that have settled the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.</li> <li>Compare the cultural characteristics of diverse populations in one of the five regions of the United States with Canada, Mexico, or the Caribbean.</li> <li>Identify contributions from various ethnic groups to the United States.</li> </ul>
	Economics Beginning Economics
Quarter 3	<ul> <li>Give examples of how scarcity results in trade.</li> <li>Recognize that buyers and sellers interact to exchange goods and services through the use of trade or money.</li> <li>Distinguish between currencies used in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.</li> </ul>
	Civics and Government
	<ul> <li>Foundations of Government, Law, and the American Political System</li> <li>Explain the purpose and need for government.</li> <li>Describe how government gains its power from the people.</li> <li>Explain how government was established through a written Constitution.</li> </ul>
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	<ul> <li>Civic and Political Participation</li> <li>Identify group and individual actions of citizens that demonstrate civility, cooperation, volunteerism, and other civic virtues.</li> </ul>
Quarter 4	<ul> <li>Structure and Functions of Government</li> <li>Identify the levels of government (local, state, federal).</li> <li>Describe how government is organized at the local level.</li> <li>Recognize that every state has a state constitution.</li> <li>Recognize that the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land.</li> </ul>