

# Grade 4

## PENNSYLVANIA STATE AND LOCAL HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT

**Grade 4 Social Studies** is focused on Pennsylvania State and local communities and their change over time, incorporating the study of geography, history, economics, and government. Teachers are encouraged to make and teach local connections for each of these topics. The course is divided into seven Key Ideas that span the state's history from before the European colonial era to the modern period. Teachers should note that some Key Ideas and Concepts may require extra time or attention. These include Key Ideas 4.6 Industrialization, Immigration and Growth and 4.7 Government.

### *Geography, Humans, and the Environment*

- 4.1 Pennsylvania has a diverse geography. Various maps can be used to represent and examine the geography of Pennsylvania.
  - 4.1a Physical and thematic maps can be used to explore Pennsylvania 's diverse geography.
  - 4.1b Pennsylvania can be represented using a political map that shows cities, capitals, and boundaries.
- 4.2 Native American groups, chiefly the Erie, Iroquois, Lenape, Munsee, Shawnee and Susquehannock tribes, inhabited the region that became Pennsylvania. Native American Indians interacted with the environment and developed unique cultures.
  - 4.2a Geographic factors often influenced locations of early settlements. People made use of the resources and the lands around them to meet their basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter.
  - 4.2b Native American groups developed specific patterns of organization and governance to manage their societies.
  - 4.2c Each Native American group developed a unique way of life with a shared set of customs, beliefs, and values.
- 4.3 Colonial and Revolutionary Period In Pennsylvania: European exploration led to the colonization of the region that became Pennsylvania. Beginning in the early 1600s, colonial Pennsylvania was home to people from many different countries. Colonial Pennsylvania was important during the Revolutionary Period.
  - 4.3a Europeans in search of religious freedom and work settled in Pennsylvania. Early settlements began as trading posts or missions.
  - 4.3b From its founding, colonial Pennsylvania was home to many different peoples including Native American Indians, European immigrants, and free and enslaved Africans. Colonists developed different lifestyles.
  - 4.3c In the mid-1700s, England and France competed against each other for control of the land and wealth in North America. The English, French, and their Native American allies fought the French and Indian War.
  - 4.3d Growing conflicts between England and the 13 colonies over issues of political and economic rights led to the American Revolution.

Pennsylvania played a significant role during the Revolution in part due to its geographic location.

- 4.4 TRANSPORTATION AND WESTWARD MOVEMENT: Pennsylvania played an important role in the growth of the United States. During the 1800s, people traveled west looking for opportunities. Improvements in transportation and technology allowed people and goods to move from east to west.
  - 4.4a After the Revolution, Pennsylvanians began to move and settle further west, using roads many of which had begun as Native American trails.
  - 4.4b Factories, mining and farming became major ways to earn a living in Pennsylvania because of the growth of roads and railroads and use of river systems which allowed for the transportation of goods to other areas of the country. And the world

## **INDUSTRIALIZATION, IMMIGRATION, AND GROWTH: FROM THE EARLY 1800S TO THE PRESENT**

- 4.5 Economic activities in Pennsylvania are varied and have changed over time. Various individuals and groups have contributed to the growth and development
  - 4.5a Farming, mining, manufacturing, and finance are important economic activities associated with Pennsylvania.
  - 4.5b Entrepreneurs and inventors associated with Pennsylvania have made important contributions to business and technology.
  - 4.5c the later half of the nineteenth century, rapid industrialization occurred in Pennsylvania. Over time, industries and manufacturing continued to grow.
  - 4.5e Immigrants came to Pennsylvania for a variety of reasons.
  - 4.6f As manufacturing moved out of Pennsylvania, service industries and high-technology industries have grown.
    - CI 4.6 The cultures of immigrants had an influence on the growth of the Church in PA.

## **GOVERNMENT:**

- 4.7 There are different levels of government within the United States and Pennsylvania. The purpose of government is to protect the rights of citizens and to promote the common good. The government of Pennsylvania establishes rights, freedoms, and responsibilities for its citizens.
  - 4.7a After the Revolution, the United States of America established a federal government; colonies established state governments
  - 4.7b The Pennsylvania State Constitution establishes the basic structure of government for the state. The government of Pennsylvania creates laws to protect the people and interests of the state.

- 4.7c Government in Pennsylvania is organized into counties, cities, towns, and villages.
- 4.7d Pennsylvanians have rights and freedoms that are guaranteed in the United States Constitution, the PA State Constitution, and by state laws.
- 4.7e Citizens in the State of Pennsylvania have responsibilities that help their nation, their state, and their local communities function. Some responsibilities are stated in laws.