Regions and Cultures of the Americas; pre-contact Americas to European Settlements (up to 1763)

Students will study the Americas (North, Central, and South America along with the Caribbean Islands) using an integrated approach considering the following factors:

- Theories about the first peopling of the Americas
- The development of Mesoamerican and South American civilizations including the Olmec, Inca, Maya, and Aztec
- American Indian life in the Americas prior to European exploration including the peoples in the Southwest, Pacific Northwest, nomadic nations of the Great Plains, and the woodland peoples east of the Mississippi River (Eastern Woodland)
- The causes and consequences of European exploration and colonization
- The environmental, political, and cultural consequences of the interactions among European, African, and American Indian peoples in the late 15th through 17th centuries
- Regional settlement patterns, significant developments, and life in the Southern, Middle, and New England colonies
- Roles and responsibilities as members of a society
- The contributions of various cultural and ethnic groups to the development of the Americas
- Examination of primary and secondary sources including written and oral histories, images, and artifacts
- Inclusion of historical fiction and picture books in addition to informational text.
- Disciplinary skills and processes including change and continuity over time, multiple perspectives, using and understanding sources, and cause and effect

The Six Elements of the Inquiry Arc
1) Developing Compelling Questions
2) Constructing Supporting Questions
3) Gathering and Evaluating Sources
4) Developing Claims
5) Communicating Conclusions
6) Taking Informed Action
### Year-Long Standards Overview

#### DISCIPLINARY SKILLS AND PROCESSES

- **4.SP1.1** Create and use a chronological sequence of related events to compare developments that happened at the same time.
- **4.SP1.2** Compare life in specific historical time periods to life today.
- **4.SP1.3** Generate questions about individuals and groups who have shaped significant historical events.
  - Key individuals may include but are not limited to explorers, leaders (Mesoamerican, American Indian, and political), settlers, women, landowners, organizations, colonists, missionaries, and enslaved and free Africans
- **4.SP2.2** Explain connections among historical contexts and people’s perspectives at the time.
- **4.SP3.1** Develop questions about events and developments in the Americas.
- **4.SP3.2** Compare information provided by various sources about events and developments in the Americas.
- **4.SP3.3** Generate questions about multiple sources and their relationships to events and developments in the Americas.
- **4.SP3.4** Use information about a source including the author, date, place of origin, intended audience, and purpose to evaluate the extent to which the source is useful for studying a topic.
- **4.SP3.5** Construct and present arguments and explanations using reasoning, examples, and details with relevant information and data from multiple sources.
- **4.SP3.6** Present summaries of arguments and explanations using print, oral, and digital technologies.
- **4.SP4.1** Explain probable causes and effects of events and developments.
- **4.SP4.2** Summarize the central claim in a secondary work of history.
- **4.SP4.3** Use evidence from multiple sources to develop and communicate claims about the causes and effects of events.

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Native American Tribes of Arizona:
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22 Az Tribes
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| North American Indians (not just AZ American Indians) | 4.G1.1 Use and construct maps and graphs to represent changes in the Americas over time.  
- Key concepts include but are not limited to human and physical features of the Americas, trade and exploration routes, the location of civilizations and societies in the Americas including indigenous peoples, and settlement patterns including the development of the Southern, Middle, and New England Colonies.  
4.G2.1 Compare the diverse ways people or groups of people have impacted, modified, or adapted to the environment of the Americas.  
- Key concepts include but are not limited to disease, farming, family structure, housing, cultural assimilation, cultural amalgamation, climate, transportation, domestication of animals, clothing, recreation, and utilization of renewable and non-renewable natural resources | - I can read and interpret information on maps.  
- I can analyze the relationship between geography and culture  
- I can identify the characteristics of geographic human and physical features.  
- I can explain how changes in the environment affected early people’s lives.  
- I can describe how the Eastern Woodlands peoples adapted to their environment.  
- I can locate the eastern woodlands cultural area and compare lifeways among its inhabitants.  
- I can describe how the Plains people adapted to their environment.  
- I can describe how the pueblo people adapted to their environment.  
- I can explain how people were affected by and interact with their environment. | adaptations  
eastern woodland people  
plains people  
pueblo people | Harcourt Social Studies (Orange Book) Chapter 2 |
| Quarter 2 | 4.E3.1 Compare different industries, occupations, and resources as well as different forms of income earned or received that have shaped the Americas.  
- Key concepts include but are not limited to societal roles of the individual in Mesoamerican civilizations, the emerging labor force in the colonies (cash crop farming, slavery, indentured servitude), resources and industries of the Southern, Middle, and New England Colonies, economic way of life in western Africa before the 16th century, and views on property ownership and land use between European settlers and American Indians.  
4.H1.1 Utilizing a variety of multi-genre primary and secondary sources, construct historical narratives about cultures, civilizations, and innovations in the Americas. | - I can explain how resources affects the Mesoamerican civilizations.  
- I can explain how roles and responsibilities in the Mesoamerican civilization supported the development of their culture.  
- I can explain how Luci Taphanonso helps preserve traditional Navajo culture.  
- I can identify what characteristics of a hunter-gatherer society made it successful.  
- I can identify what made agricultural development so successful during the time period.  
- I can identify who were the early civilizations of central and South America.  
- I can identify what were the achievements and fetchers of the Mayan, Aztec, and Incan/Inkan civilizations. | maize agriculture  
pyramids  
calendar  
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Mayans  
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<p>| European Exploration (British, Dutch, French, Portuguese, Spanish)          | 4.E2.1 Examine concepts of scarcity, choice, opportunity cost, and risk.  • Key concepts include but are not limited to nomadic and sedentary societies, reasons for European exploration, triangular trade, Jamestown settlement, and the establishment of colonies 4.E3.1 Compare different industries, occupations, and resources as well as economic life crops trade economy triangular trade barter | • I can describe the social and economic life of Native Americans.  • I can explain how price incentives affect peoples’ behavior and choices. (e.g., colonial decisions about what crops to grow and products to produce)  • I can describe the causes and effects of triangular trade. | Harcourt Social Studies (Orange Book) Chapter 2 |                                                                                                           |</p>
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  4.G3.1 Explain how the location and use of resources affects human settlement and movement.  
  - Key concepts include but are not limited to theories about the peopling of the Americas, the Columbian Exchange, treatment of indigenous people, triangular trade, searches for trade routes to Asia that led to exploration and settlement of the Americas.  
  4.G4.1 Explain the positive and negative effects of increasing economic interdependence on distinct groups, countries, and new settlements.  
  - Key concepts include but are not limited to trade, mercantilism, the development of new technologies, and the use of natural resources.  
  4.H2.1 Describe the cycles of conflict and compromise that occurred in the Americas during the convergence of Europeans, American Indians, and Africans in the Americas before and after European exploration.  
  4.H2.2 Analyze the different approaches used by the Spanish, Portuguese, British, and the French in their interactions with American Indians. | - I can describe the settlement of Jamestown.  
- I can explain the events of the establishment of the colonies.  
- I can identify the opportunity costs (i.e., separation from family, indentured service) associated with expeditions to the New World.  
- I can identify possible explanations of how people came to live in the Americas.  
- I can explain how early peoples in the Americas lived, hunted, and farmed.  
- I can identify the lifeways of other peoples of the Southwest and West.  
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- I can describe the characteristics of a monarchy  
- I can compare the arguments for states’ rights versus the power of the federal government (e.g., the expansion of slavery, taxation) and a republic  
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