The Elementary Framework provides the foundational knowledge and skills necessary for young students to become empowered, informed, and socially responsible citizens. Through the study of history, geography, economics, and civics, students learn to interact with, and contribute to the world in which they live. Learning how to evaluate sources of information, craft arguments based on evidence, and take informed action helps students develop their civic identity and voice. Additionally, elementary social studies prepares students to meet the challenge of secondary social studies content and supports literacy development across subject areas. The elementary framework is designed to highlight opportunities in which the English language arts reading, writing, and speaking and listening standards can be integrated into the social studies class. In grades PreK - 3, content is organized within units of study that introduce and reinforce knowledge of the six Maryland State Social Studies Standards. In grades 4 -5, the state social studies standards are integrated into an overview of the history of the United States, using Maryland's key figures and events as a lens into the national story. The framework broadens the historical narrative by including marginalized groups and encourages students to learn more about all members of their communities through the inquiry process.

To assist students in acquiring these understandings, the content of the framework is structured by the following six state social studies standards:

Standard	Description of Standard
Standard 1.0 Civics	Students will understand the historical development and current status of the fundamental concepts and processes of
	authority, power, and influence, with particular emphasis on the democratic skills and attitudes necessary to become
	responsible citizens.
Standard 2.0 Peoples of the Nations and	Students will understand the diversity and commonality, human interdependence, and global cooperation of the people of
World	Maryland, the United States, and the World through both a multicultural and historic perspective.
Standard 3.0 Geography	Students will use geographic concepts and processes to examine the role of culture, technology, and the environment in the
	location and distribution of human activities and spatial connections throughout time.
Standard 4.0 Economic	Students will develop economic reasoning to understand the historical development and current status of economic principles, institutions, and processes needed to be effective citizens, consumers, and workers participating in local communities, the nation, and the world.
Standard 5.0 History	Students will examine specific ideas, beliefs, and themes; organize patterns and events; and analyze how individuals and societies have changed over time in Maryland, the United States, and around the world.
Standard 6.0 Skills and Processes	Students shall use reading, writing, and thinking processes and skills to gain knowledge and understanding of political,
	historical, and current events using disciplinary and inquiry literacies.



Standard 6.0

The four dimensions of The Inquiry Arc are reflected in Maryland's Standard 6.0:

- 1. Developing Questions & Planning Inquiries constructing compelling and supporting questions, planning inquires, and determining helpful sources.
- 2. Applying Disciplinary Concepts & Tools applying the disciplinary concepts and tools of civics, geography, economics, and history.
- 3. Evaluating Sources & Using Evidence evaluating sources, identifying credible, relevant information contained in sources, using evidence to support and develop claims.
- 4. Communicating and Critiquing Conclusions & Taking Informed Action communicating and presenting claims, critiquing claims, and identifying ways to address problems in their communities.

Throughout the elementary social studies course, students should employ the social studies skills and processes delineated in the 6.0 Skills and Processes standard. Organizing these skills is the Inquiry Arc, which provides a structure to facilitate effective instruction in social studies.



Effective integration of English language arts standards into social studies curriculum affords students the opportunity to enrich their understanding of essential social studies content, develop civic reasoning, geographic and economic analysis, and historical thinking skills while simultaneously improving literacy development. When designing social studies units of study, teachers are encouraged to address ELA standards as they design instruction and assessment for the social studies standards. Additional detail regarding the indicators and objectives associated with Standard 6.0 can be found at <u>MSDE Social Studies homepage</u>. Connections between Standards 6.0, media literacy, and English language arts standards in reading, writing, and speaking and listening can be found at the <u>MSDE English Language Arts homepage</u>.



Using this document:

The organization of the framework is uniform throughout the entire document. On this page the key terms that are used are defined to support the use of the document.

Sample Unit Template

Unit Enduring Understanding: An **enduring understanding** is the overarching, conceptual guideline for the unit. Enduring understandings explain why this unit is important and connect important concepts and processes to history and the world today.

Unit Question: A **unit question** connects the big ideas in the enduring understandings and essential questions to the period of study. Everything in the unit contributes to answering this question.

Content Topic	Essential Question	Indicator and Objectives	Reading	Writing	Speaking and Listening
topic indicatesqthe umbrellasunder whichuseveralidcommon topicseare organizedufor study.sssinidinidinid	Essential questions help students unpack the big ideas in the enduring understandings and social studies thinking skills. These are questions that can be asked and answered in different times and places.	 Indicator statements assist teachers in determining how to link specific content to be studied to the essential question. Objectives provide teachers with detailed information regarding what specific learning should occur. 	English language arts reading standards identify opportunities for teachers to integrate the ELA standards in their social studies units. These could be used to access social studies content contained in the unit question.	English language arts writing standards identify opportunities for teachers to integrate the ELA standards in their social studies units. These could be used to express social studies content contained in the unit question.	English language arts speaking and listening standards identify opportunities for teachers to integrate the ELA standards in their social studies units. These could be used to access and express social studies content contained in the unit question.



Unit 1: Civics

Unit Enduring Understanding: People are part of multiple communities and their choices impact each of those communities.

Unit Question: How can you support your community?

Content Topic	Essential Questions	Indicator and Objectives	Reading	Writing	Speaking and Listening
Common Good	Why are decisions made on behalf of the common good?	 Students will analyze the role of the common good by: defining equality as the same freedoms that are held by all people. defining equity as people having what they need to be successful regardless of their identities. recognizing that people are sometimes not treated fairly for reasons beyond their control. explaining that the common good strives for goals of freedom, equality, equity, and fairness within a community. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. <i>RI.2.7</i> Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. <i>RI.2.8</i> Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays



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Government	Why do some people have power and authority over others in a democracy?	 Students will analyze democracy by: identifying that leaders in a democracy address the wants and needs of the people they serve. exploring governing powers at home, school and the community. contrasting challenges governing powers face based on where they are located, and the resources that are available to them. exploring the tool of voting as a part of civic life that Americans use to 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. <i>RI.2.7</i> Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences.



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		 participate in government and select people in power. exploring tools of communication that Americans use to have their voices and ideas heard by those in government. 	 <i>RI.2.8</i> Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. <i>RI.2.9</i> Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. <i>RI.2.10</i> By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range. 	 W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of "how-to" books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions. W.2.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. 	 SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. SL.2.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.
Democracy	What is a democracy?	 Students will understand democratic ideals by: identifying how multiple perspectives in a democratic society can complicate conflict resolution. comparing how various systems of government have resolved conflict in the past and today. identifying the communities in which they belong are democratic and those that are not. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a <i>grade 2 topic or subject area.</i> <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an



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Civic Engagement	How can people be civically engaged?	 Students will analyze responsible civic engagement by: describing characteristics of good citizenship through historic figures and ordinary citizens. explaining how participating in civic activities engages citizens with their communities. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather



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Unit 2: Geography

Unit Enduring Understanding: Geographic tools can be used in order to identify locations, describe places in the world, and explain the movement of people, goods, and ideas.

Unit Question: How do geographic tools help people understand where they live in the world?

Content Topic	Essential Questions	Indicator and Objectives	Reading	Writing	Speaking and Listening
Place	What makes our school community's location unique?	 Students will be able to explain how location makes their community unique by: locating Maryland using cardinal directions on maps, globes, GPS, and Google Earth. describing the relative location of Maryland by identifying the equator and north and south poles. identifying continents and oceans near and far from Maryland on maps and globe. locating key physical features and human-made features in their school community using maps and other geographic tools. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. <i>RI.2.7</i> Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. <i>RI.2.8</i> Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.5 Create audio recordings



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		 describing where places are located in their school community on a map using relative distance and direction, such as near-far, above-below and cardinal directions. analyzing the school's community using bird's eye view that includes important landmarks in a school or community. 	RI.2.9 Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic. RI.2.10 By the end of the year, read and comprehend informational texts, including history/social studies, science, and technical texts, in the grades 2-3 text complexity band proficiently, with scaffolding as needed at the high end of the range.	 W.2.7 Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of "how-to" books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions. W.2.8 With guidance and support from adults, recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question. 	of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings. SL.2.6 Produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification.
Human and Environmental Interaction	How does where we live impact how we live?	 Students will analyze the human and environmental interactions in their school community by: contrasting how regions across Maryland modify their environment to meet changing needs for shelter. describing why and how people in Maryland protect the environment. explaining how people adapt to changes in the environment. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate



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Movement of People, Goods and Ideas	How does the movement of goods and ideas influence the growth of a community?	 Students will describe how transportation and communication link people and places by the movement of goods and ideas by: explaining how transportation links goods and people both near and far. explaining how communication links people to ideas both near and far. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather



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Unit 3: Economics

Unit Enduring Understanding: Because of scarcity, people must make choices that involve trade-offs and consequences.

Unit Question: How are people impacted by the economy?

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Producers	How do individuals and groups produce goods and services?	 Students will analyze producers by: explaining how producers and consumers use natural, capital and human resources. determining the key economic questions of what to produce, how to produce, and for whom to produce as guiding economic questions economists. identifying the government as a producer who uses tax money to produce goods and services. connecting the goods and services that are produced by local businesses and government to address the wants and needs of their community. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. <i>RI.2.7</i> Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. <i>RI.2.8</i> Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas,



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Consumers	How do consumers make decisions?	 Students will analyze consumer by: explaining that because of scarcity, people must make choices about what they consume. differentiating between goods and services. explaining how consumers make decisions based on the costs and benefits of goods and services. identifying how incentives influence consumers. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of



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Unit 4: History

Unit Enduring Understanding: Students will be able to explain how historians use tools to understand the past.

Unit Question: What was life like in the past?

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Context	How does when we live influence how we think?	 Students will analyze change over time by: creating timelines of key events from earlier time periods. analyzing events from the past using evidence that includes the voice of the people involved in the event. explaining why multiple perspectives emerge from people who experience a common event. analyzing the role that time, place, and surrounding events have on influencing how people interpret the present and past. 	 <i>RI.2.1</i> - Ask and answer such questions as who, what, when, where, why and how to understand key details in a text. <i>RI.2.2</i> Identify the main topic of a multiparagraph text as well as the focus of specific paragraphs within the text. <i>RI.2.3</i> Describe the connection between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts, or steps in technical procedures in a text. <i>RI.2.4</i> Determine the meaning of words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 2 topic or subject area. <i>RI.2.5</i> Know and use various text features (e.g., captions, bold print, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, electronic menus, icons) to locate key facts or information in a text efficiently. <i>RI.2.6</i> Identify the main purpose of a text, including what the author wants to answer, explain, or describe. <i>RI.2.7</i> Explain how specific images (e.g., a diagram showing how a machine works) contribute to and clarify a text. <i>RI.2.8</i> Describe how reasons support specific points the author makes in a text. 	 W.2.1 Write opinion pieces in which they introduce the topic or name the book they are writing about, state an opinion, supply a reason for the opinion, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.2 Write informative/explanatory texts in which they name a topic, supply some facts about the topic, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.3 Write narratives in which they recount two or more appropriately sequenced events, include some details regarding what happened, use temporal words to signal event order, and provide some sense of closure. W.2.5 With guidance and support from adults, focus on a topic, respond to questions and suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing as needed. W.2.6 With guidance and support from adults, use a variety of digital tools to produce and publish writing, including in collaboration with peers. 	 SL.2.1 Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 2 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups. SL.2.2 Recount or describe key ideas or details from a text read aloud or information presented orally or through other media SL.2.3 Ask and answer questions about what a speaker says in order to clarify comprehension, gather additional information, or deepen understanding of a topic or issue. SL.2.4 Tell a story or recount an experience with appropriate facts and relevant descriptive details, speaking audibly in coherent sentences. SL.2.5 Create audio recordings of stories or poems; add drawings or other visual displays to stories or recounts of experiences when appropriate to clarify ideas,



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