

4th Grade Social Studies Q2

The purpose of this document is to clarify what students should know and be able to do each grading period.

The **Competencies** listed in the table below are developed from the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for that grade level. The chart defines which quarter the Competency is reported (Q1 = Grading Period 1, Q2 = Grading Period 2, etc.)

Teachers will report on the competencies using the **Learning Progressions** which are comprised of four proficiency levels (developing (DV), progressing (PG), proficient (PG) and advanced (AV)) and defines the knowledge and skills students will master on their pathway to proficiency. The Learning Progressions for each Competency are below the yearlong outline of the Competencies. Following the Learning Progression are the Competency Success Criteria which define what a student knows and is able to do related to that competency at the end of a unit or quarter.

Students who receive a mark of “**Proficient**” meet the grade level expectation for that Competency.

Competencies	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
C1— Visual Literacy The student uses critical thinking skills to gather and analyze information from a variety of visuals and create visual representations to demonstrate understanding of social studies content.	X	X	X	X
C2—Chronological Reasoning The student uses the critical thinking skills of sequencing, categorizing, and identifying cause and effect relationships when gathering and analyzing information in order to demonstrate chronological understanding of Social studies content.	X	X	X	X
C3—Process of Historical Inquiry The student uses critical thinking skills to obtain and evaluate information from a variety of sources, answer questions, and communicate their understanding of history in a meaningful form.	X	X	X	X
C4—Geographical Inquiry The student uses critical thinking skills to obtain and evaluate information from maps and other geographic tools, pose and answer geographic questions, and communicate their understanding of geographic concepts in a meaningful form.	X	X	X	X
C5— Problem Solving and Decision Making The student demonstrates their ability to use a problem solving and decision making processes as it applies to social studies concepts.	X	X	X	X

Learning Progression for Competency 1: Visual Literacy

The student uses critical thinking skills to gather and analyze information from a variety of visuals and create visual representations to demonstrate understanding of social studies content.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Recognizes and identifies visuals as sources that display or illustrate information</p> <p>Identifies key elements from a source such as the author, illustrations, and titles</p> <p>Explains the purpose specific types of visual</p> <p>Restates or recalls information from a visual source</p>	<p>Gathers and interpret information primarily from one type of source</p> <p>Examines a visual source to identify, categorize, and prioritize important information</p> <p>Evaluates a source to make generalizations and predictions about the information provided</p> <p>Explains the overall purpose of the source in the form of a generalization</p> <p>Recreates visual representations of information</p>	<p>Gathers and interprets information from a variety of visuals, such as digital media, news sources, images, graphs, and charts</p> <p>Evaluates information from visuals to make generalizations or predictions, and to make inferences and draw conclusions</p> <p>Summarizes information gained from a visual</p> <p>Evaluates how a visual supports an idea or point of view</p> <p>Creates own visual that represents information that communicates understanding of various concepts of social studies</p>	<p><i>Meets all Proficient criteria AND...</i></p> <p>Determines if a visual source is valid by looking at things such as the author, the purpose of the visual and publisher</p> <p>Uses multiple visuals to communicate understanding of the same concept in Social studies, such as a chart and a graph, or a sketch and a model</p>

Success Criteria for Proficient in Visual Literacy:

The student can:

- recognize and identify that visuals are sources that display or illustrate information.
- identify key elements from a source such as the author, illustrations, and titles.
- explain the purpose of specific types of visuals.

- gather and interpret information from visuals.
- restate or recall information from a visual source.
- evaluate information from visuals.
- make inference and draw conclusion based on information found on a visual.
- summarize information gained from a visual.
- evaluate how a visual supports an idea or point of view.
- recreate a visual representation of information.
- create own visual that represents of information that communicates my understanding of various concepts.

Learning Progression for Competency 2: Chronological Reasoning

The student uses the critical thinking skills of sequencing, categorizing, and identifying cause and effect relationships when gathering and analyzing information in order to demonstrate chronological understanding of Social studies content.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Orders events by sequencing or categorizing based on dates</p> <p>Applies units of time (days, months, years, decades, century, etc.) when studying sources that indicate measures of time</p> <p>Defines cause and effect</p>	<p>Recognizes and identified key dates and time periods</p> <p>Interprets information from sources that indicate measures of time</p> <p>Defines an era as a significant period of time</p> <p>Identifies and describe why specific dates, events, or time periods are significant</p>	<p>Explains cause and effect relationships between events</p> <p>Explains the major characteristics of a given time period</p> <p>Makes generalizations regarding the impact of significant turning points and individuals on a time period</p> <p>Explains how time periods are connected to one another</p>	<p><i>Meets all Proficient criteria AND...</i></p> <p>Explains how or why specific historical events are grouped into eras</p> <p>Evaluates the degree to which eras or time periods overlap</p> <p>Explains the long term impact of an event(s) over time</p>
<p>Success Criteria for Proficient in Chronological Reasoning:</p> <p>The student can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • order events by sequencing or categorizing based on dates. • apply units of time (days, months, years, decades, century, etc.) when studying a simple timeline or calendars. • explain the significance of a given time period. 			

- interpret information from timelines.
- identify and describe why specific dates, events, or time periods are significant.
- analyze cause and effect relationships between events when studying a timeline.
- explain the major characteristics of specific eras or time periods.
- make generalizations about the impact of significant turning points and individuals on an era.
- explain how eras are connected to one another.

Learning Progression for Competency 3: Process of Historical Inquiry

The student uses critical thinking skills to obtain and evaluate information from a variety of sources, answer questions, and communicate their understanding of history in a meaningful form

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Defines sources used to obtain information as either primary or secondary sources</p> <p>Identifies key elements from a source such as key terms, author, illustrations, titles</p> <p>Restates information about a source that is vague and does not express the overall message or main idea of the source</p>	<p>Locates primary and secondary sources of information.</p> <p>Utilizes information mainly from secondary sources such as textbooks</p> <p>Examines a source to identify, categorize, and prioritize important information</p> <p>Identifies the point of view of the source based on the author</p> <p>Evaluates a source to make generalizations and predictions about the information provided</p> <p>Summarizes information from a source to state the main idea or the overall message</p>	<p>Gathers information from a variety of sources, both primary and secondary</p> <p>Examines sources by comparing important information such as the points of view of the author or main idea of the sources</p> <p>Identifies points of view in sources that reflects the historical context surrounding an issue or event</p> <p>Evaluates information from sources to either make generalizations or predictions, or to make inferences and draw conclusions</p> <p>Summarizes information gained from source(s) in the form of a main ideas</p> <p>Provides evidence from a source or sources to support the main idea</p>	<p><i>Meets all Proficient criteria AND...</i></p> <p>Conducts independent research to locate relevant and valid resources; both primary and secondary</p> <p>Determines if a source is valid</p> <p>Challenges or defend a point of view on a social studies issue with evidence from sources</p> <p>Justifies a claim or supports a conclusion with evidence from sources</p>

Success Criteria for Proficient in Process of Historical Inquiry:

The student can:

- identify both primary and secondary sources.
- gather information from a variety of sources , both primary and secondary.
- examine sources to identify key elements from a source such as key terms, author, illustrations, titles.
- compare important information such as the points of view of the author or main idea of the sources.
- identify points of view in sources that reflects the authors views.
- identify points of view in sources that reflects the historical context surrounding an issue or event.
- evaluate information from sources to make generalizations or predictions.
- make inferences or draw conclusions from primary and secondary sources.
- summarize information gained from sources in a form of a main idea
- provide evidence from a source or sources to support the main idea

Learning Progression for Competency 4: Geographical Inquiry

The student uses critical thinking skills to obtain and evaluate information from maps and other geographic tools, pose and answer geographic questions, and communicate their understanding of geographic concepts in a meaningful form.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Recognizes geographic tools such as maps, globes, and atlases</p> <p>Identifies key elements from a map such as the title, legend, compass rose, and scale</p> <p>Restates or recalls information from a map</p>	<p>Gathers and interprets information primarily from maps</p> <p>Locates important information such as locations and geographic characteristics on maps</p> <p>Evaluates a geographic information to make generalizations and answer questions</p> <p>Explains the overall purpose of the source in the form of a generalization</p> <p>Recognizes that there are other geographic tools that can be used as sources of geographic information</p> <p>Reproduces or replicates geographic representations of information</p>	<p>Gathers and interprets information from a variety of geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data</p> <p>Identifies and explains the purpose of a specific type of map or other geographic tool</p> <p>Evaluates information from geographic tools to make generalizations or predictions, AND to make inferences and draw conclusions</p> <p>Poses and answers questions about geographic distributions and patterns observed when using geographic tools such as maps</p>	<p><i>Meets all Proficient criteria AND...</i></p> <p>Summarizes information gained from a map or geographic tools including the overall purpose or significance</p> <p>Uses multiple geographic representations of the same location when locating and analyzing geographic information</p> <p>Creates original representations of geographic information that communicates understanding of geographic concepts</p>

Success Criteria for Proficient in Geographical Inquiry:

The student can:

- recognize geographic tools such as maps, globes, and atlases.
- identify key elements from a map such as the title, legend, compass rose, and scale.
- explain the purpose of a specific type of map or geographic tool.
- gather and interpret information from a variety of geographical tools to collect, analyze and interpret data
- restate or recall information from a map or geographic tool.
- make generalizations or predictions about a geographic tool or tools.
- make inferences or draw conclusions from a geographic tool.
- pose and answer questions about the geographic distributions and patterns on a map.
- observe changes such of geographical distribution or patterns, past and present.

Learning Progression for Competency 5: Problem Solving and Decision Making

The student demonstrates their ability to use a problem solving and decision-making processes as it applies to social studies concepts.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
Identifies a topic or issue that poses a problem or requires a decision	Identifies a topic or issue that poses a problem or requires a decision	Identifies a topic or issue that poses a problem or requires a decision	Recognizes unintended consequences of the option chosen
Takes action based on initial thought	Gathers general information related to the identified topic or issue	Gathers relevant information related to the identified topic or issue	Considers alternative (other) decisions or solutions based on unintended consequences
	List and consider options	List and consider options	Evaluates and ranks the alternative options by considering both advantages and disadvantages
	Chooses an option to implement	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each option	Predict outcomes of alternative actions or solutions to the problem
		Choose an option that is the best solution	Generates additional or alternative options to an observed action currently taking place

Success Criteria for Proficient in Problem Solving and Decision Making:

The student can:

- identify a topic or issue that poses a problem or requires a decision.
- gather information related to the identified topic.
- list and consider options.
- evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each option.
- choose an option that is the best solution.

