

Fourth Grade Social Studies Q4

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 **Competency 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. To see what success on the competencies looks like in a particular unit, please see the **Public Overview** document for the course.

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

Competencies	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
C1—Geographical Regions and American Indians in Texas The student understands how geography has influenced life past and present.	X			
C2—Exploration and Settlement of Texas The student understands the causes and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas.		X		
C3—Revolution and Republic of Texas The student understands the importance of the Texas Revolution and the Republic of Texas.		X	X	
C4—Challenges, Growth and Change in Texas The student understands the social, economic, and political changes during the second half of the 19th Century.			X	X
C5—Good Times and Hard Times in Texas The student understands important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas.				X
C6—Texas Today The student understands the importance of participating in the democratic process and characteristics of the free enterprise system in Texas today.				X
C7—Critical Thinking Skills The student applies critical thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources.	X	X	X	X
C8—Problem Solving-Decision Making The student uses problem-solving and decision-making skills, working independently and with others.		X	X	

Competency Progression 4: Challenges, Growth and Change in Texas

The student understands the social, economic, and political changes during the second half of the 19th Century.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Define Civil War</p> <p>Locate where cattle industries and railroads were located on a Texas map</p> <p>Locate where American Indians lived in Texas on a Texas map</p>	<p>Identify the events of the Civil War in Texas</p> <p>Identify individuals who contributed to the cattle industry</p> <p>Identify the significance of the Red River War</p> <p>Identify the reasons for the building of U.S. forts and railroads</p>	<p>Describe the impact of the Civil War on Texas</p> <p>Explain the growth, development, and impact of the cattle industry in Texas</p> <p>Explain the effects of the railroad industry on life in Texas</p> <p>Explain the effects on American Indian life due to the Red River War, building of U.S. forts and railroads and loss of buffalo</p>	<p>Compare the impact of the Civil War on Texas to the impact of the Civil War on the United States</p> <p>Compare the impact of the development of the railroad in Texas to the United States</p> <p>Compare the effects of the growth and development of wars, building of railroads and loss of buffalo on American Indian life in Texas to those in and around the United States</p>

Competency Progression 5: Good Times and Hard Times in Texas

The student understands important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
Define the Great Depression	Identify characteristics of the Great Depression	Explain the impact of the Great Depression on Texas	Compare the impact of the Great Depression on Texas to the United States
Define the Dust Bowl	Identify characteristics of the Dust Bowl	Explain the impact of the Dust Bowl on Texas	Compare the impact of the Dust Bowl on Texas to the United States
Define WWII	Identify the accomplishments of notable individuals during WWII	Explain the impact of WWII on Texas	Compare the impact of WWII on Texas to the United States
Define industry	Identify important events of WWII such as when it happened and where it happened	Explain the impact of the oil and gas industry on industrialization and urbanization in Texas	Compare the oil and gas industry in Texas to that of the United States
Define urbanization	Identify important people and events in the development in the oil and gas industry in Texas		

Competency Progression 6: Texas Today

The student understands the importance of participating in the democratic process and characteristics of the free enterprise system in Texas today.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Define civic participation</p> <p>Define democracy</p> <p>Define state, local and national</p> <p>Name historical figures or individuals</p>	<p>Identify civic affairs at state and local levels</p> <p>Identify individuals who modeled participation in the democratic process</p> <p>Identify the difference between state, local and national levels</p>	<p>Explain the how individuals can participate voluntarily in civic affairs at state and local levels</p> <p>Identify the importance of historic figures who participated in the democratic process</p> <p>Explain how to contact elected leaders in state and local governments</p> <p>Identify leaders in local, state, and national governments</p>	<p>Compare participation at the state and national levels</p> <p>Compare leaders at the local, state and national governments</p>

Competency Progression 7: Critical Thinking Skills

The student applies critical thinking skills to organize and use information acquired from a variety of sources.

Developing	Progressing	Proficient	Advanced
<p>Identify a primary or secondary source</p> <p>Gathers information from a text</p> <p>Communicates ideas orally</p>	<p>Compares primary or secondary source</p> <p>Identifies information in a text by Sequencing, categorizing and finding the main idea</p> <p>Expresses ideas orally or in written communication</p> <p>Reproduces visuals and written materials</p>	<p>Uses valid primary and secondary sources</p> <p>Analyzes information by using one or more of the following: sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause and effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions and drawing inferences and conclusions</p> <p>Identifies the historical context of an event</p> <p>Expresses ideas orally and in written communication</p> <p>Creates visual and written materials</p>	<p>Makes connections between various primary sources to analyze information</p> <p>Identifies different points of view about an issue or topic</p> <p>Expresses ideas orally or creates written material based on research</p>