

Social Studies 3 Vocabulary

Standard	Content Statement	Term	Definition
History	1	century	period of 100 years
History	1	chronological	in order of time
History	1	decade	period of 10 years
History	1	timeline	list of important events in the order in which they happened
History	1	year	period of 365 or 366 days, divided into 12 months
History	2	artifact	material object of a culture, such as a tool, an article of clothing or a prepared food
History	2	primary source	records of events as they are first described, usually by witnesses or by people who were involved in the event
History	3	architecture	method or style of building
History	3	business	store, company, or factory that makes, buys, or sells goods or provides services in exchange for money
History	3	employment	number of people who have jobs in a particular place or area
History	3	physical feature	landforms and climate of a region
History	3	recreation	something people do to relax or have fun
History	3	religion	system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or a group of gods
History	3	technology	use of science to invent useful things or to solve problems
History	3	transportation	moving people or things from place to place
Geography	4	absolute location	where something can be found using a grid
Geography	4	alphanumeric grid	grid in which each cell is identified by both a letter and a number
Geography	4	cardinal directions	north, south, east and west shown on a map
Geography	4	intermediate directions	direction in the middle of two cardinal directions such as northeast or southwest
Geography	4	key	box that tells what the symbols on a map mean
Geography	4	physical map	map that shows the landforms and climate of a region
Geography	4	political map	map that shows the boundaries of a region
Geography	4	relative location	where something can be found in relation to another place
Geography	5	agriculture	farming
Geography	5	industry	making products by using machines and factories
Geography	5	natural resource	useful materials that come from the earth
Geography	6	environment	conditions that surround someone or something
Geography	6	modification	change in something
Geography	7	communication	sharing of information or news
Geography	8	cultural diversity	having people who are different races or who have different cultures in a community
Geography	8	cultural group	group of people who share one or more unique characteristics such as race, national origin and ethnicity
Government	9	social and political responsibilities	respecting the rights of others, being informed about local issues, paying taxes, voting and obeying laws
Government	10	common good	for the benefit of all people in a community or group
Government	11	law	rule established by the government to describe how people are expected to behave
Government	11	public services	something that is done to help people rather than to make a profit, such as police and fire protection
Government	11	security	being protected or safe from harm
Government	13	county	area of a state that is larger than a city and has its own government
Government	13	municipal	city or town government
Government	13	township	unit of local government that is part of a larger county
Economics	14	data	body of information, facts, statistics
Economics	14	line graph	displays data that shows changes over time
Economics	14	variable	something that changes or that can be changed
Economics	14	x-axis	horizontal line in a graph
Economics	14	y-axis	vertical line in a graph
Economics	15	negative incentive	penalize (punish) people for making certain choices and behaving in a certain way
Economics	15	positive incentive	reward people for making certain choices and behaving in a certain way
Economics	16	opportunity cost	what you have to give up when you choose to buy one thing over another
Economics	16	scarcity	not enough of something to meet people's wants and needs
Economics	17	consumer	people who use goods and services to satisfy their personal needs
Economics	17	goods	objects that are capable of satisfying people's wants
Economics	17	producer	people and businesses that use resources to make goods and services
Economics	17	services	actions that are capable of satisfying people's wants
Economics	18	market	where buyers and sellers exchange goods and services
Economics	19	benefits	received as an improvement or advantage as the result of the decision
Economics	19	costs	alternative given up as the result of a decision
Economics	20	budget	plan that helps individuals take personal responsibility for financial decisions