

Louisiana 4th Grade Social Studies 2025-2026 Pacing Guide

Note: Standards 4.1-4.8 of the 2022 Louisiana Social Studies Standards for 4th Grade Social Studies are skill-related and describe the things students should be able to do to demonstrate their understanding of history. These standards are not specifically listed in this pacing guide, but they should be embedded within each unit.

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Unit/Subunit	Standards	Major Topics/Concepts			
WH: Human Origins (c. 10000-3500 BCE)	4.9-4.12	 Characteristics of nomadic hunter-gatherer societies including their use of tools and resources Path of early human migration from Africa and other continents to the Americas Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, specialization, domestication, and the growth of permanent settlements Significance of key characteristics of early humans including culture, social structure, technology, and belief systems 			
WH: Ancient Near East (c. 3500-1700 BCE)	4.13a-g	 Origin, spread, and development of major religions in the Ancient Near East Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, specialization, domestication, and patterns of settlement Significance of key characteristics of Ancient Near Eastern people including culture, social structure, technology, and belief systems Geographic and climate features of the Ancient Near East Agricultural and economic advances in the Ancient Near East Impact of agriculture on the expansion of trade and transportation in Sumer and other city-states Cultural advances in Ancient Near East Significance of government structures and law codes Achievements of the Ancient Israelites 			
1 st Cumulative Assessment (covering all content to this point)					
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WH: Ancient Egypt (c. 3000-799 BCE)	4.14a-f	 Origin, spread, and development of major Ancient Egyptian religions Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, irrigation, specialization, 			

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		 domestication, and patterns of settlement Significance of key characteristics of Ancient Egyptian people including their culture, food supply, economy, government, and technology Geographic features of Ancient Egypt Social structure of Ancient Egyptian society Belief systems of Ancient Egypt Significance of key figures from Ancient Egypt Key cultural achievements from Ancient Egypt Cultural diffusion of Ancient Egyptian ideas and practices
WH: Ancient India (c. 2500-400 BCE)	4.15a-c	 Origin, spread, and development of major Ancient Indian religions Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, irrigation, specialization, domestication, and patterns of settlement Significance of key characteristics of Ancient Indian people including their culture, food supply, economy, government, and technology Geographic features of Ancient India Emergence of civilization in the Indus River Valley as an early agricultural civilization Cultural features that emerged during the late empires of Ancient India Achievements of the Indus River Valley Civilization
WH: Ancient Greece (c. 800-300 BCE)	4.16a-j	 Origin, spread, and development of major religions in Ancient Greece Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, irrigation, specialization, domestication, and patterns of settlement Significance of key characteristics of Ancient Greek people including their culture, food supply, economy, government, and technology Effects of geographic features on the development of Ancient Greece The role of the polis in Greek city-states Key concepts related to direct democracy and oligarchy in Ancient Greece

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WH: Ancient I	Rome	4.17a-h	 Social and cultural characteristics of Athens and Sparta Cause and effect of the Persian Wars Significance of Ancient Greek philosophy Significance of Ancient Greek architecture Importance of Alexander the Great to the spread of Hellenistic culture Development of religions in Ancient Rome Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, irrigation, specialization, domestication, and patterns of settlement Significance of key characteristics of Ancient Roman people including their culture, food supply, economy, trade, specialization, government, and patterns of settlement Effect of the geographic location of Ancient Rome on its political and economic growth in the Mediterranean region and beyond Class system of Ancient Rome Characteristics of Julius Caesar's rule Influence of Augustus Caesar Innovations in engineering and architecture that contributed to Roman expansion Causes of the fall of the Western Roman Empire
WH: Ancient China (c. 2500 BCE - 200 CE)	Ancient Chinese Civilization	4.18a-c	 Origin, spread, and development of major religions in Ancient China Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, irrigation, specialization, domestication, and patterns of settlement Significance of key characteristics of Ancient Chinese people including their culture, food supply, economy, government, and technology Influence of geographic features on Ancient Chinese civilization Reasons for the Mandate of Heaven Impact of the growth of Ancient China on governing Political and government approaches by Chinese dynasties
2 nd Cumulative Assessment			

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WH: Ancient China (c. 2500 BCE - 200 CE)	Imperial China	4.18d-g	 Origin, spread, and development of major religions in Imperial China Significance of key characteristics of the people in Imperial China including culture, food supply, economy, government, and technology Geographic features of Imperial China Significance of the unification of Ancient China into the first Chinese empire Political and government approaches by Chinese dynasties Reasons for the construction of the Grand Canal and the Great Wall Major accomplishments of the Han Dynasty Influence of Chinese goods on the creation of the Silk Roads Cultural diffusion of ideas and practices into Eurasia
WH: American Civilizations (400-1500s CE)		4.19a-g	 Development of religions in the Americas and what would become Louisiana Impact of the Agricultural Revolution on trade, irrigation, specialization, domestication, and patterns of settlement Geographic features in the Americas Cultural elements among Indigenous communities in the Americas including housing, clothing, games/entertainment, dance, and food supplies Cultural elements of nomadic groups of people in what would become Louisiana including hunting and gathering, the use of tools, and hunting practices Key characteristics of Poverty Point culture including art, hunting methods, dress, food, use of mounds, and resources traded
Final Comprehensive Assessment (covering all content)			