



**Social Studies**  
**Critical Content Standards**  
**Kindergarten**

**Theme: Me and My World**

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**Civics Standards: Civic & Political Institutions and Systems**

SS.K.1.6.1 Identify leaders in the student’s life and describe their roles.

SS.K.3.6.1 Identify rules for different settings.

**Civics Standards: Processes, Rules, and Laws**

SS.K.1.8.1 Identify a problem that can be solved through sharing or compromise.

SS.K.2.8.1 Evaluate consequences of following or not following rules.

**Economics Standards: Economic Systems, Models, and Markets**

SC.2.LS4.1 Make observations of plants and animals to compare the diversity of life in different habitats. (Analysis)

SS.K.4.11.1 Participate in discussions about how people work to support their families.

**Geography Standards: Human-Environment Interactions: Place, Regions, and Culture**

SS.K.1.16.1 With support, describe seasonal weather patterns in the local community.

**Geography Standards: Geographic Representations and Reasoning**

SS.K.1.18.1 With support, create a map of the classroom.

SS.K.2.18.1 With support, name an important geographical feature of the local community and be able to identify it in a photograph and on a map.

**Geography Standards: Geography of Alaska**

SS.K.1.20.1 Locate the local community on a map.

**History Standards: Historical Sources and Evidence**

SS.K.3.22.1 With support, engage with historical sources.

**History Standards: Change, Continuity, and Context**

SS.K.3.23.1 Ask questions about local and school history.

**History Standards: Alaskan History**

SS.K.1.25.1 Explore traditions of local cultural groups.



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**Theme: My Place in the World**

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**Civics Standards: Civic & Political Institutions and Systems**

SS.1.3.6.1 Explain the need for rules at home, school, and community.

**Civics Standards: Participation and Deliberation**

SS.1.2.7.1 Describe examples of equality and fairness.

SS.1.3.7.1 Demonstrate active listening & positive interactions with groups & at class meetings.

**Civics Standards: Processes, Rules, and Laws**

SS.1.3.8.1 Identify ways that students can work together to improve the classroom environment over time.

**Economics Standards: Economic Systems, Models, and Markets**

SS.1.4.11.1 Define income.

**Geography Standards: Human-Environment Interactions: Place, Regions, and Culture**

SS.1.1.16.1 Describe local weather and how it affects individuals and their activities.

**Geography Standards: Global Interactions: Changing Spatial Patterns**

SS.1.3.17.1 Describe types of natural disasters common to the local region.

**Geography Standards: Geographic Representations and Reasoning**

SS.1.1.18.1 Design a map of the school and include a key, symbols, and a compass rose.

SS.1.2.18.1 Identify and name rivers, lakes, and mountains on a map of the local area.

**Geography Standards: Geography of Alaska**

SS.1.1.20.1 Locate Alaska on a map of the United States and on a globe.

**History Standards: Historical Sources and Evidence**

SS.1.3.22.1 With support, use historical sources to ask questions about events.

**History Standards: Change, Continuity, and Context**

SS.1.2.23.1 Illustrate how communities change over time.

**History Standards: Alaskan History**

SS.1.1.25.1 Provide examples of customs, practices, and traditions unique to local Alaska cultures.



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**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**  
**Theme: My Local Community**

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**Civics Standards: Civic & Political Institutions and Systems**

SS.2.4.6.1 Explain what governments are and some of their functions.

SS.2.5.6.1 Inspect how communities work together to fulfill roles of authority.

**Civics Standards: Participation and Deliberation**

SS.2.3.7.1 Practice different roles and responsibilities within a group and/or in the classroom.

**Civics Standards: Alaska’s Government**

SS.2.1.9.1 Determine the meaning and importance of local and state symbols.

**Economics Standards: Economic Systems, Models, and Markets**

SS.2.1.11.1 Describe the skills and knowledge required to produce certain goods and services.

SS.2.4.11.1 Explain how and why people earn money.

**Geography Standards: Human-Environment Interactions: Place, Regions, and Culture**

SS.2.1.16.1 Explain how weather, climate, and other environmental characteristics affect people’s lives in the local region.

SS.2.3.16.1 Identify some cultural and environmental characteristics of the local community.

**Geography Standards: Global Interactions: Changing Spatial Patterns**

SS.2.3.17.1 Analyze ways that a catastrophic disaster may affect people living in the local region.

**Geography Standards: Geographic Representations and Reasoning**

SS.2.1.18.1 Construct maps, graphs, and other representations of locations in the local community.

**Geography Standards: Human Population: Spatial Patterns and Movements**

SS.2.3.19.1 Explain the connections between the local physical environment and the economic activities found there.

**Geography Standards: Geography of Alaska**

SS.2.1.20.1 Explain the geographical and cultural features that make Alaska distinct from other places.



**History Standards: Historical Sources and Evidence**

SS.2.3.22.1 Use a variety of sources to generate questions about events in the history of the local community.

**History Standards: Change, Continuity, and Context**

SS.2.2.23.1 Compare life in the local community in the past to life in the local community today.

SS.2.3.23.1 Generate questions about, and describe how, specific individuals and groups have shaped local historical events.

**History Standards: Alaskan History**

SS.2.1.25.1 Compare and contrast the customs, practices, and traditions of two Alaska cultural groups, one of which is a local group.



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**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Theme: Alaska's Past, Present, and Future**

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**Civics Standards: Processes, Rules, and Laws**

SS.3.1.8.1 Describe procedures for making decisions at the local, Tribal, and state levels in Alaska, including the impact individuals can have.

**Economics Standards: Economic Systems, Models, and Markets**

SS.3.2.11.1 Explain what it means for an individual and/or business to specialize and/or trade.

**Economics Standards: Decision-Making and Personal Finance**

SS.3.1.12.1 Examine various ways that people in Alaska have met their needs for food, clothing, and shelter, and how they have changed over time.

**Economics Standards: The National Economy**

SS.3.3.13.1 Explain the ways in which Alaska's government pays for the goods and services it provides.

**Economics Standards: Alaska Economics: State, Local, and Tribal**

SS.3.1.15.1 Analyze how various Alaska Native groups use and have used several natural resources to meet their needs.

**Geography Standards: Human-Environment Interactions: Place, Regions, and Culture**

SS.3.1.16.1 Discuss how culture influences the way people modify and adapt to their environments in Alaska.

**Geography Standards: Global Interactions: Changing Spatial Patterns**

SS.3.1.17.1 Describe why environmental characteristics vary among different regions in Alaska.

**Geography Standards: Geography of Alaska**

SS.3.1.20.1 Identify and explain the relationship between the resources found in Alaska and becoming a state.

SS.3.1.20.2 Describe how the Alaska Native population came to Alaska.

**History Standards: Perspectives**

SS.3.3.21.1 Describe how people's perspectives shaped the historical sources they created in Alaska.



**History Standards: Change, Continuity, and Context**

SS.3.1.23.1 Create timelines to show how events of Alaska history can be organized into time periods/eras.

SS.3.2.23.1 Explain how life in various eras of Alaska history compares to life today.

**History Standards: Alaskan History**

SS.3.1.25.1 Explore the cultures of Alaska, including why and how Indigenous and non-Indigenous groups first came to Alaska.



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**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Theme: U.S. Cultures and Regions**

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**Civics Standards: Civic and Political Institutions and Systems**

SS.4.4.6.1 Explain how groups of people make rules to create responsibilities.

**Economics Standards: Economic Systems, Models, and Markets**

SS.4.1.11.1 Compare examples of human capital, physical capital, and natural resources in various U.S. regions.

**Economics Standards: Decision-Making and Personal Finance**

SS.4.1.12.1 Explain how scarcity and abundance require a person to determine the benefits and costs of a particular choice.

**Economics Standards: The Global Economy**

SS.4.2.14.1 Explain how geography, natural resources, climate, and available labor contribute to the interconnected regional economies of the United States.

**Geography Standards: Human-Environment Interactions: Place, Regions, and Culture**

SS.4.1.16.1 Explain how culture influences the way people modify and adapt to their environments in each region of the United States.

**Geography Standards: Geographic Representations and Reasoning**

SS.4.2.18.1 Use maps, artwork, and other representations to examine relationships between the locations of places in the world and their environmental characteristics.

**Geography Standards: Geography of Alaska**

SS.4.1.20.1 Identify how each region of Alaska has grown through various economic activities.

SS.4.1.20.2 Explain how the geographic resources of Alaska led to the state's economic development.

**History Standards: Perspectives**

SS.4.3.21.1 Describe how people's perspectives, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, shaped the historical sources they created.



**History Standards: Change, Continuity, and Context**

SS.4.1.23.1 Use a timeline or other representation of related events to compare developments that happened at the same time.

**History Standards: Alaskan History**

SS.4.1.25.1 Explain how national and global events impact Alaska, both in the past and present.



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**Theme: Foundations and History of the U.S.**

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**Civics Standards: Civic and Political Institutions and Systems**

SS.5.2.6.1 Assess the importance of participation in democracy.

SS.5.3.6.1 Identify and explain the importance of key national documents and determine their impact on governance. (Preamble / Constitution)

**Economics Standards: Decision-Making and Personal Finance**

SS.5.1.12.1 Analyze the benefits and costs of personal choices that any person in U.S. history may have considered in order to meet their needs and wants.

**Geography Standards: Human-Environment Interactions: Place, Regions, and Culture**

SS.5.1.16.1 Analyze how culture influences the way people modified and adapted to their environments in the early American colonies.

**Geography Standards: Geography of Alaska**

SS.5.1.20.1 Analyze how Alaska has been a strategic position for the United States.

**History Standards: Perspectives**

SS.5.1.21.1 Summarize the perspectives of multiple individuals and/or groups when considering one or more major events in early U.S. history.

SS.5.3.21.1 Compare how people's perspectives shaped the historical sources they created, including the foundational documents of the United States.

**History Standards: Change, Continuity, and Context**

SS.5.1.23.1 Create and use a chronological sequence of related events to compare developments that happened at the same time in early U.S. history.

SS.5.2.23.1 Analyze life in early American time periods as it compares to life today.

SS.5.3.23.1 Generate questions about individuals and groups who shaped significant historical changes and continuities in early American history.

**History Standards: Historical Thinking**

SS.5.1.24.1 Analyze and explain probable causes and effects of events and developments in early American history.