HISTORY

What can we learn about people and events from long ago?

**History** (SSK.1): events that have already happened

**Long ago** (SSK.1): early history of the United States

How is life today different from life long ago?

**Past/Present** (SSK.2): identify changes that occur when comparing events and people of other times and places

**past:** something that has already happened

**present:** what is happening now

Use a calendar to show past and present. Descriptions of life in the past and present can be shared by families through pictures and stories.

**Real/make believe** (SSK.1): (fact or fiction) distinguish the difference in real life and make believe situations when studying historical people and events

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GEOGRAPHY

What words are used to describe the location of people, places, and things?

**Positional words** (SSK.3): Certain words help describe where people, places, and things are located:

- above/below
- behind/in front
- left/right
- near/far

Maps can show drawings of classrooms, playgrounds, neighborhoods, rivers, and oceans.

**globe:** a round model of the Earth

**model:** something that stands for something else

**land and water features** on maps and globes are shown by different colors

Why are maps and globes important?

(SSK.5) Maps or globes can show the location of places referenced in stories and real-life situations.

**basic map concepts:**

* show view from above
* show things/objects as they are, only smaller
* show the position/location of things/objects

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ECONOMICS

What are examples of jobs? (SSK.6)

- **doctors:** take care of other people when they are sick
- **builders:** build houses and other buildings
- **teachers:** help students learn
- **cooks:** prepare meals
- **farmers:** grow crops and raise animals
- **firefighters:** put out fires

What are choices and wants? (SSK.7)

**choice:** choosing between two or more things

**wants:** things people would like to have (include basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing)

Why do people make choices? (SSK.7)

When people cannot have everything they want, they must choose something and give up something else.

**money:** what people use to buy the things they want. Paper bills and coins are examples of money.

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In what ways are good citizens involved in their home, school, and communities? **Community**: place where people live

What actions show examples of being a good citizen?
- taking turns
- sharing
- completing classroom chores
- taking care of one’s things
- practicing self-control
- being honest
- being kind to others
- participating in classroom decisions
- respecting what belongs to others
- working well with classmates in groups

**TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTIONS (CIVICS)** (SSK.8)

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<td>Look both ways before crossing the street.</td>
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**CIVICS: (Symbols and Traditions)** (SSK.9)

What does the American flag look like?
Answer: The American flag has white stars on a blue rectangle. It also has red and white stripes.

What is the name of the pledge to the American flag?
Answer: Pledge of Allegiance

HOLIDAYS (History) (SSK.1)

Why do we celebrate these holidays?

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
A day in January to remember an African American who worked so that all people would be treated fairly.

**Independence Day (Fourth of July)** - a day to remember when the United States became a new country. It is sometimes called America’s birthday.

**Thanksgiving** - a day in November to remember the sharing of the harvest with the American Indians.

**Presidents’ Day** - a day in February to honor all presidents of the United States, especially George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Who are the people that we remember from history? (SSK.1)

**Abraham Lincoln**: He was a United States president and often called “Honest Abe.”

**Powhatan**: He was an Indian leader when the settlers came to Jamestown. He ruled over many tribes.

**Pocahontas**: She was an Indian girl, daughter of Powhatan, who came with her father’s people to visit the settlers at Jamestown. She worked to help the settlers receive food from the Indians.

**Betsy Ross**: She is believed to have sewn one of the first flags for the United States.

**George Washington**: He was the first president of the United States and called the “Father of Our Country.”