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Introduction

Social studies is more than just learning dates, names, and facts. Social studies helps young people become informed citizens of a culturally diverse nation and an interdependent world.

Explore Social Studies uses a framework of key concepts within each area of civics, economics, history and geography. Each key concept (listed below) is represented by one or more stories in the book.

CIVICS

- Foundations of the American political system
- Government for the people
- Coming to America
- Civic life, government, and politics Citizenship rights and responsibilities

ECONOMICS

- Buying and selling
- Financial systems

Living in a global marketplace

HISTORY (world)

- Prehistoric life on Earth
- Civilizations rise and fall
- Writing down history
- The age of exploration
- History and art
- Sharing ideas and information
- Europe changes the Americas
- New technology and an industrial revolution
- Global crisis
- Global cooperation

HISTORY (U.S.)

- Colonization and settlement
- Revolution and a new nation
- New land for the United States
- Ending slavery and preserving the Union
- An American industrial revolution
- Global war changes the role of the United States
- Ten years of money trouble for the United States
- America enters another global war
- Working for equality and civil rights
- The American story continues

GEOGRAPHY

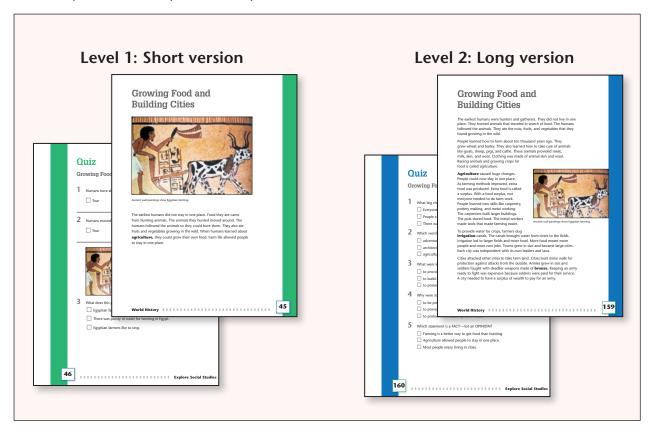
- Geographic tools and skills
- Looking at space and place
- Environment and society

In the Student Book:

The stories in *Explore Social Studies*, organized into Civics, Economics, History and Geography sections, are written at two reading levels. Level 1 stories are shorter (average 75 words/single paragraph), use simple sentence structures, and have larger illustrations. Level 2 stories are longer (average 275 words/multiple paragraphs) and have a greater frequency of challenging vocabulary words.

Student Quiz Pages:

A quiz page follows each story. The Level 1 quiz has two true/false questions and one multiple-choice question based on the illustration. The Level 2 quiz presents five multiple-choice comprehension questions.



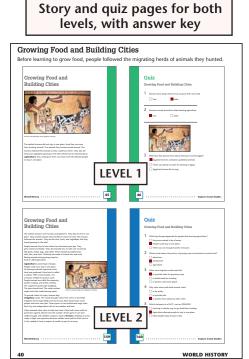
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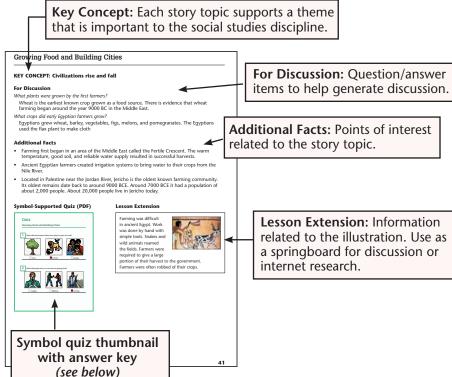
Multisyllable words are avoided in both story levels. However, challenging words can be important for the topic. When they appear, they are highlighted as bold text. A vocabulary list with these terms and their definitions is provided at the beginning of each unit.

allies	people or countries on the same side in a fight
amendment	change or addition to a document
astronaut	person who travels into outer space
boycott	refusing to buy something as a form of protest
colony	an area that is under political control of another count
empire	countries or areas controlled by one ruler
expedition	a journey for a purpose, like exploring
factory	building where things are made with machines
frontier	the edge of the settled part of a country
independence	freedom from the control of others
labor unions	a group of workers organized to protect their interests
manufacture	make a product using machines
Native Americans	people whose ancestors lived in America before Europe
plantation	large farm for growing crops like cotton, coffee, or sug
religion	organized system of beliefs in a god or gods
revolutionary	bringing about political change
rights	something everyone should have or be allowed to do
segregation	enforced separation of different racial groups
settlement	a place where people establish a community
stock	a piece of a company that you own
surrender	in war, give up and let the enemy win
taxes	money you have to pay to the government

In this Instructor's Guide:

There is a two-page spread for each story in the Student Book.



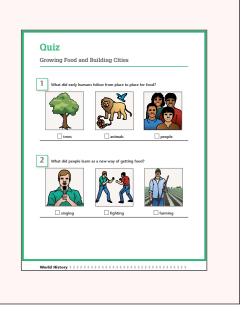


Symbol-Based Quiz:

Each story has one simplified, symbol-based quiz page, available as a PDF-only file on the disc. The PDF quiz can be used either with the Level 1 or Level 2 version of the story.

Included on the CD:

- PDF of Student Book with Classroom License for printouts
- PDF of vocabulary list for each unit
- PDF of symbol-based quiz for each story



Interdisciplinary Social Studies Instruction

The stories in *Explore Social Studies* can be used in combination, across disciplines, when they share a common theme. As recommended by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS),* an integrated curriculum helps make social studies relevant and meaningful for learners.

Time, Continuity, and Change

How does studying the past help us understand humans today? A New Life in New England (U.S. History, p. 74) Using Geography to Decide Where to Live (Geography, p. 110)

People, Places, and Environments

How does geography influence human culture and history?
What impact have humans had on the environment?
New Machines, Big Factories, and American Jobs (U.S. History, p. 90)
Sharing the World's Limited Resources (Economics, p. 42)
More People Using More Land (Geography, p. 114)

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions

How do decisions made by schools, churches, and governments affect how we live? The World Community Works Together (World History, p. 68) Federal, State, and Local Governments (Civics, p. 16)

Power, Authority, and Governance

How do individuals and societies make decisions about rights, rules, and priorities? *Voting and Democracy* (Civics, p. 14) *Women Win the Right to Vote* (U.S. History, p. 100)

Production, Distribution, and Consumption

How do we share limited resources? What are economic needs and wants? What decisions do people and governments make about the things we need to survive? Sharing the World's Limited Resources (Economics, p. 42)

Voting and Democracy (Civics, p. 14)

Science, Technology, and Society

Is new technology always better than what it replaces?
How can we manage technology so that all people benefit?
Clues about Prehistoric Life (World History, p. 46)
Cooling Off in Hot Cities (Geography, p. 112)
Paying with Beads and Shells (Economics, p. 28)

Global Connections

What global connections have existed in the past and have changed over time? How is life changing for everyone because of global connections?

Silk and Spices for Europe (World History, p. 54)

Flat Pictures of a Round World (Geography, p. 108)

Made in China, Sold in the United States (Economics, p. 40)

Civic Ideals and Practices

What is the role of a citizen in the community and in the nation? Doing Your Part as a U.S. Citizen (Civics, p. 24) An Important Bus Ride for Rosa Parks (U.S. History, p. 102)

^{*}More information about the NCSS standards is available at http://www.socialstudies.org/standards/teacherstandards

Civics

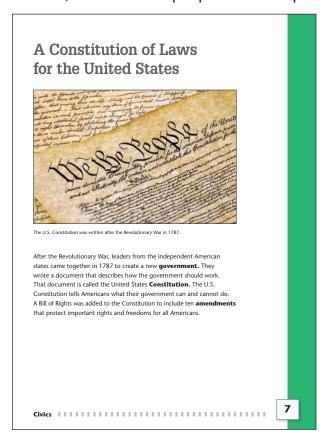
To succeed together, citizens need to understand civic life and government.



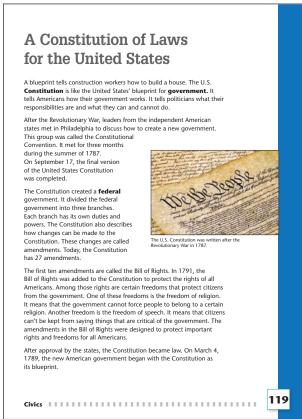
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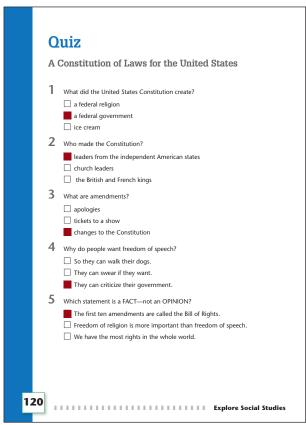
A Constitution of Laws for the United States

In 1776, the American people needed a plan for a new government.









10 Civics

A Constitution of Laws for the United States

KEY CONCEPT: Foundations of the American political system

For Discussion

Why was a constitution of laws needed after winning independence from Great Britain?

To work together as a united country, the 13 states needed a plan for government that included laws for all of the American people.

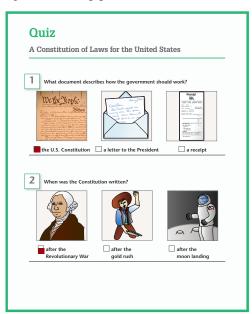
Why was the Bill of Rights added to the U.S. Constitution?

It added important guarantees of personal freedoms and rights for all U.S. citizens. The ten amendments in the Bill of Rights help ensure that all U.S. citizens are treated fairly by the government.

Additional Facts

- The Revolutionary War ended in 1783, and it was not until 1787 that American leaders met to create a set of laws for the United States. The leaders met in Philadelphia at a meeting called the Constitutional Convention.
- Only 39 of the 55 delegates to the Constitutional Convention signed the finished constitution document. Some did not sign because they wanted the Bill of Rights added right away. The Bill of Rights was written in 1789, two years after the Constitution was written.

Symbol-Supported Quiz (PDF)



Lesson Extension

The original handwritten copy of the U.S. Constitution is kept at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C. It is stored in a special display case made



of glass and titanium. The air inside the case was replaced with argon gas to preserve the sheepskin parchment. The Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights are also on display at the National Archives Building.

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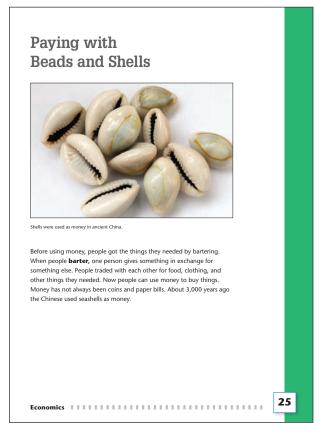
Economics

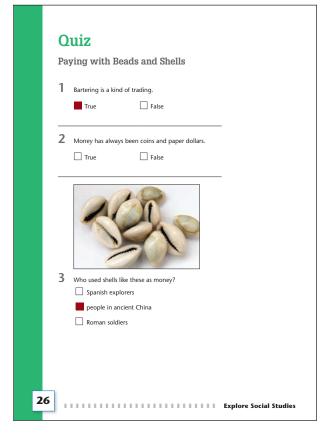
Economics is the study of how people manage the sharing of things needed for life together.

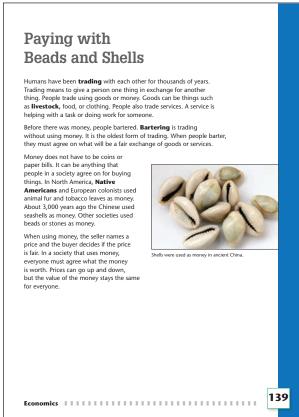


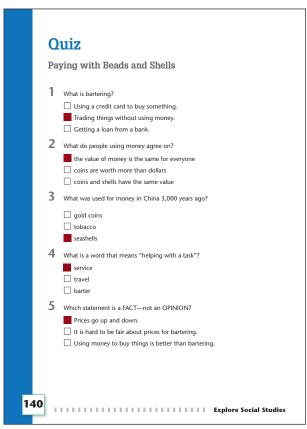
Paying with Beads and Shells

In the earliest societies, people did not use money to get food and supplies.









KEY CONCEPT: Buying and selling

For Discussion

Why was it sometimes difficult to trade for goods using the barter system?

A person you want to trade with may not want or need what you have to trade. If what you have to trade is large and heavy, it might be difficult to carry your goods to the marketplace.

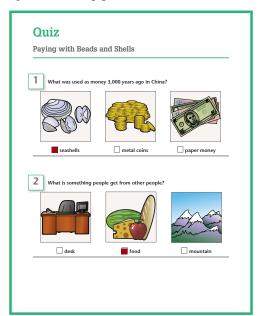
Why has trading with money become more common than bartering?

The value of money is the same for both the buyer and seller. Only the value of what is being sold needs to be agreed on. Using money means that you can sell things to people even if they do not have something that you want in return.

Additional Facts

- Some Native American tribes used strings of white and black shells called wampum as money. European settlers used it to buy things from the Native Americans, because the Native Americans did not value European coins.
- In ancient Rome, soldiers were paid with salt. A payment of salt money was called "salarium," which was then modified to "salary."
- On a Pacific island called Yap, the people once used large stone disks called "rai" as money. The stones weighed thousands of pounds and could be more than ten feet in diameter.

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Lesson Extension

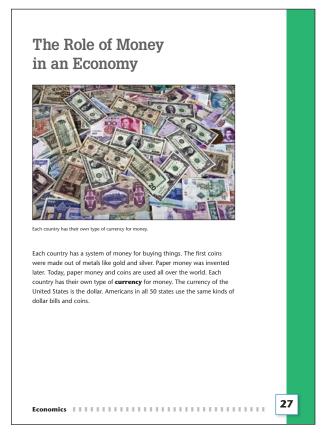
Cowry shells were used as a form of money in ancient China. The shells were small and easy to carry. Because a cowry shell has a unique appearance, people did not worry about being p

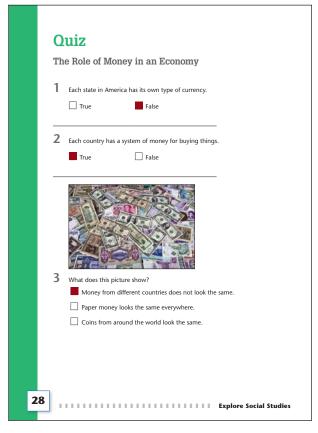


not worry about being paid with fake shells. The shells came from faraway places in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

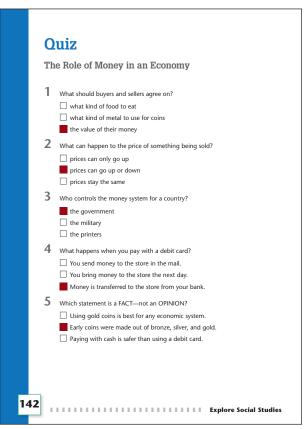
The Role of Money in an Economy

Money is a common language we all use to describe the value of things.









The Role of Money in an Economy

KEY CONCEPT: Buying and selling

For Discussion

How is money like a language?

People who speak a language agree on what the words mean. People who use the same money agree about what the value is for each coin or bill.

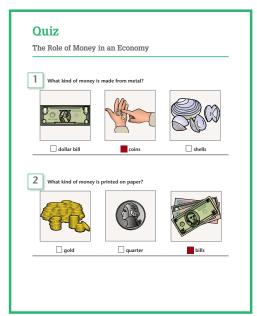
How do debit and credit cards make buying things easier?

With a debit or credit card, you do not have to carry money with you when shopping. You can keep your money safe in a bank.

Additional Facts

- The first paper money was made in China. Chinese paper was made from the bark of mulberry trees. Paper money today is made of cotton and linen.
- In the United States a coin can be used for about 30 years, while paper money only lasts about two years before it is replaced.
- There used to be U.S. paper money in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, and \$10,000 in circulation. Since 1969, the \$100 bill is the largest amount available.

Symbol-Supported Quiz (PDF)



Lesson Extension

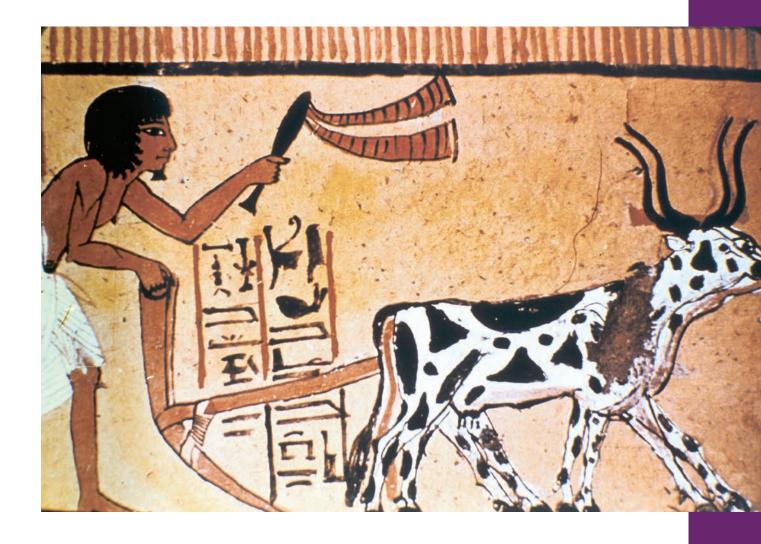
The paper used to print money in the United States is a special blend of cotton and linen. One side of U.S. paper money uses green ink only. This is why people sometimes



refer to paper money as "greenbacks." Each piece of paper money has a unique serial number printed on it. The special ink used to print money will not change when put in water.

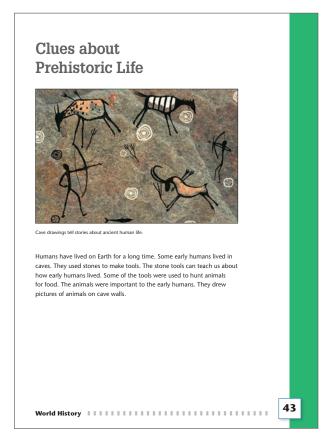
HISTORY: PART 1 World History

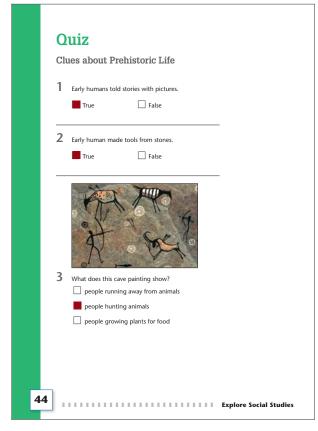
Learning our history helps us understand how and why the world got to be the way it is.



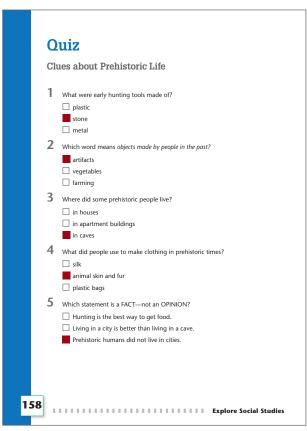
Clues about Prehistoric Life

Our earliest ancestors did not leave a written history that we can read about.





Clues about **Prehistoric Life** Humans have lived on Earth for a long time. For thousands of years, humans did not live in towns or cities. They did not know how to write. This period of time is called prehistory. Scientists and historians learn about prehistoric humans by studying the objects they left behind. These objects are called **artifacts**. Artifacts are things made by people in the past that help us learn about how early humans lived. Many artifacts are tools. The earliest tools were made by smashing stones together until one had a sharp edge. These stones are called hand axes. Prehistoric humans used the sharp edges to cut meat. Humans also made hunting tools. Hunting tools are spears and arrows. They are pointy and sharper than hand axes. The hand axes tell us that prehistoric humans ate meat. The hunting tools tell us that prehistoric humans hunted. They hunted bears, deer, and **mammoths**. The bones of these animals have been found at prehistoric campsites. Prehistoric humans drew pictures of nimals on cave walls. The cave drawings tell us that early humans valued the animals that they hunted. They ate the meat and made clothing out of animal skin and fur. and tools have been found in caves and near lakes and rivers. Caves protected the humans from bad weather. Humans who lived near lakes and rivers built their shelters. They built huts out of mud and tents out of animal skins. 157 World History



KEY CONCEPT: Prehistoric life on Earth

For Discussion

What were stone tools used for in prehistoric times?

Stone tools were used to grind corn and grain, scrape animal skins, and cut down trees. Sharpened stones were used to make spears for hunting.

Why did early hunters hunt in groups?

Hunting large animals with stone tools was difficult and very dangerous.

Additional Facts

- Stone tools discovered in Africa are estimated to be 3.3 million years old.
- Flint and obsidian are the best for making sharp edged stone tools. Sandstone is too soft. Granite is too hard.
- Some early tools were made from animal bones.

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Lesson Extension

Cave artists ground up colored rocks and charcoal from burned wood. The powder was mixed with water to create paint. Animal fat was mixed into the paint

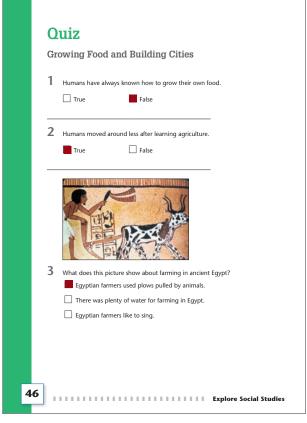


to help it stick to the cave walls. Stone Age artists used their fingers, twigs, and moss to make their paintings. Some cave painters blew paint through bone tubes or reed pipes onto cave walls.

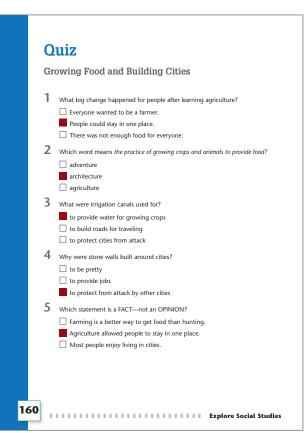
Growing Food and Building Cities

Before learning to grow food, people followed the migrating herds of animals they hunted.









Growing Food and Building Cities

KEY CONCEPT: Civilizations rise and fall

For Discussion

What plants were grown by the first farmers?

Wheat is the earliest known crop grown as a food source. There is evidence that wheat farming began around the year 9000 BC in the Middle East.

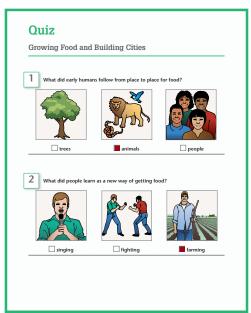
What crops did early Egyptian farmers grow?

Egyptians grew wheat, barley, vegetables, figs, melons, and pomegranates. The Egyptians used the flax plant to make cloth

Additional Facts

- Farming first began in an area of the Middle East called the Fertile Crescent. The warm temperature, good soil, and reliable water supply resulted in successful harvests.
- Ancient Egyptian farmers created irrigation systems to bring water to their crops from the Nile River.
- Located in Palestine near the Jordan River, Jericho is the oldest known farming community.
 Its oldest remains date back to around 9000 BCE. Around 7000 BCE it had a population of about 2,000 people. About 20,000 people live in Jericho today.

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Lesson Extension

Farming was difficult in ancient Egypt. Work was done by hand with simple tools. Snakes and wild animals roamed the fields. Farmers were required to give a large

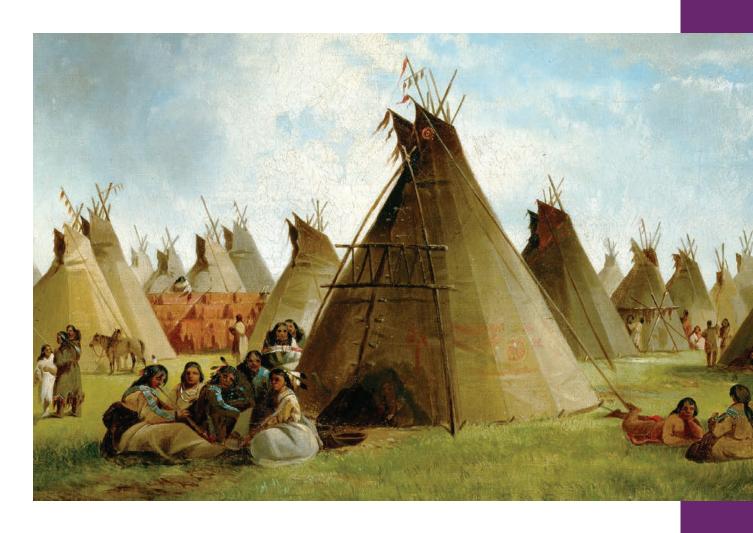


portion of their harvest to the government. Farmers were often robbed of their crops.

HISTORY: PART 2

U.S. History

Learning our history helps us understand how and why the United States got to be the way it is.

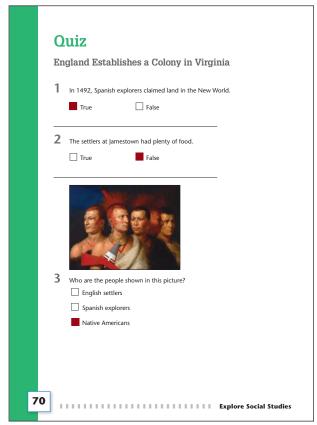


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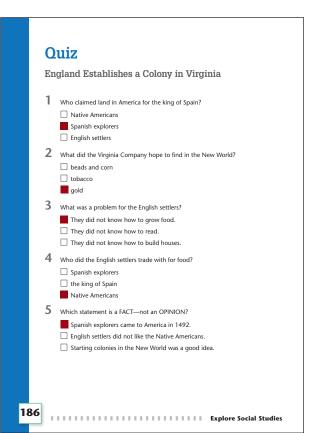
England Establishes a Colony in Virginia

One hundred years after Christopher Columbus came to America, English settlers arrived to claim land for England.

England Establishes a Colony in Virginia The Jamestown settlement was built on land where Native Americans lived. England built settlements in North America. The first English settlement was called Jamestown. It was located in Virginia. Virginia was an English colony. Life at Jamestown was very hard. The people who lived there got sick. There was not enough food to eat. Native Americans lived near Jamestown. The colonists gave the Native Americans metal and beads. The Native Americans gave food to the colonists. When the colonists wanted more land, some Native Americans fought to keep their land.



England Establishes a Colony in Virginia In 1492, Spanish explorers claimed land in America for the king of Spain. More than a hundred years later, English explorers arrived in North America. They called the land that they claimed Virginia. When a country owns land somewhere else in the world, that land is called a colony. Virginia was England's first colony. In 1607, the king of England sent a group called the Virginia Company to Virginia. They hoped to find gold but never found any. These men built the first permanent English settlement in the New World. They called the settlement Jamestown because the king of England was named James. The settlers at Jamestown suffered during their first year. Settlers who got sick often died because they did not have medicine. Many people starved because they did not know how to grow food in the new land. Native Americans had lived in North America for thousands of years. Several different tribes lived around Jamestown The settlers at Jamestown traded with the local Native Americans for food. The settlers gave the Native Americans metal and beads. The Native Americans gave corn to the settlers. More Englishmen came to Jamestown, bringing with them their families. They built large farms called plantations to grow tobacco. Trading relations were hurt when some settlers stole food from Native Americans and took more land. When more settlers continued to arrive from England, the Native Americans began to attack Jamestown and the plantations. The settlers fought back. The Europeans and the Native Americans would continue to struggle over the land for a long time. 185 United States History



England Establishes a Colony in Virginia

KEY CONCEPT: Colonization and settlement

For Discussion

What does it mean when a person is said to be a "Native American"?

The first groups of people to live in North and South America lived in the Americas for hundreds of years before European explorers arrived. To be a "native" of a place means that you were born there.

Why did England want to establish colonies in America?

England wanted to create wealth by taking resources from the new lands. England also used the colonies as a place to send people who the king disagreed with.

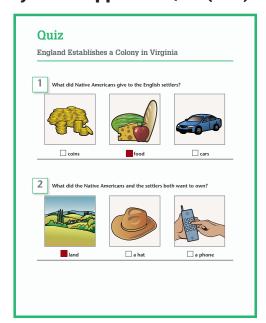
What did the Virginia Company hope to find in Virginia?

The king wanted them to find gold, but none was found in Virginia. After they did not find any gold, they began growing tobacco.

Additional Facts

- Jamestown was not the first American settlement England tried to establish. An earlier settlement was attempted in Maine but lasted only one winter. Another was started on Roanoke Island, in what is now North Carolina. The settlers at Roanoke settlement mysteriously disappeared. Jamestown was the first successful English settlement in America.
- Disease and a shortage of food made life difficult for the first settlers of Jamestown. After one year, only 38 of the original 104 settlers survived.
- Tobacco was colonial Virginia's most successful cash crop. Even though tobacco was the main source of income for Jamestown, King James hated smoking. He wrote that smoking was "loathsome to the eye, hateful to the nose, harmful to the brain, and dangerous to the lungs."

Symbol-Supported Quiz (PDF)



Lesson Extension

The English settlers and Native Americans looked very different from each other. They also had different ways of thinking about land. Owning land was important to the English. For them,



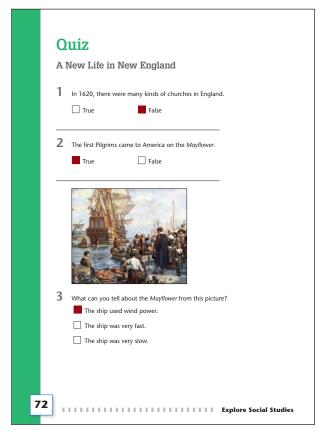
it was a way to become rich and powerful. Native Americans believed that no person could own land. They thought land was to be shared by everyone.

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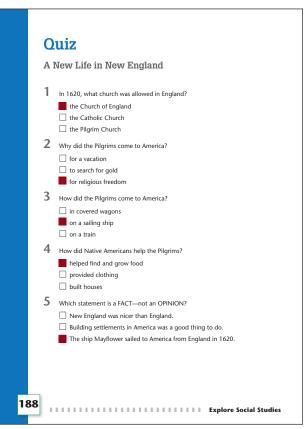
A New Life in New England

All English citizens were expected to join the same church. Not everyone agreed.





A New Life in New England Some people came to America to have a choice about religion. In England during the 1600s, the king wanted everyone to be part of the Church of England. Different kinds of churches were not allowed. In the New World of America, people were allowed to have religious freedom. They could have different kinds of churches. The first religious **settlers** from England settled in the northeastern coast of North America. This area became known as New England. The first group of about 70 religious settlers came to New England in 1620. They were called Pilgrims. They had sailed across the Atlantic Ocean on a ship called the Mayflower. Ten years later, in 1630, about a thousand more English settlers came to live in New England. The Pilgrims faced many challenges. Some of them died from disease, hunger, and the cold weather of New England Native Americans living nearby helped the Pilgrims find and grow food. A year later the Pilgrims gathered with the Native Americans to celebrate their **harvest**. Today we honor that gathering with the Thanksgiving holiday. With the help of Native Americans, the New England settlers became skilled at farming, fishing, and hunting. The fish, animal furs, and grains were valuable **natural resources**. Trading ships took the natural resources to England and returned with needed products such as tea, Bv 1732, England had established 13 colonies. Georgia, Virginia, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and South Carolina would later become the United States of America. 187 United States History



KEY CONCEPT: Colonization and settlement

For Discussion

What does it mean to have religious freedom?

The right to choose a religion, or to follow no religion, is guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. During the time of the 13 colonies, the king of England wanted everyone to join a single church called the Church of England.

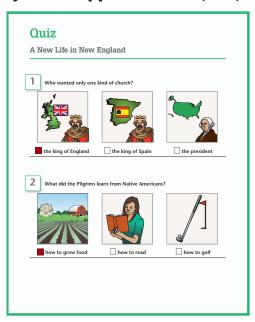
What does the Thanksgiving holiday celebrate?

The Thanksgiving holiday is a time to celebrate kindness and generosity. The first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621 when Pilgrim settlers gave thanks for a good harvest and thanked the Native American people for helping them survive.

Additional Facts

- It took the Pilgrims 66 days to sail across the Atlantic Ocean on the Mayflower.
- The Pilgrims first tried to find religious freedom in Holland. They arrived in Holland in 1607, the same year Jamestown was established. When they were not allowed to become Dutch citizens, they left Holland for a new home in New England.
- During the ten years between 1630 and 1640, more than 20,000 English settlers arrived in New England.

Symbol-Supported Quiz (PDF)



Lesson Extension

The Pilgrims started their trip to America with two sailing ships, but one of the ships started to leak and could not be used for the trip. The problem caused a delay while they



made plans to use only one ship. By the time the Pilgrims left England, they had already been living on the Mayflower for almost two months. It was very crowded with all the people and cargo on a single ship.

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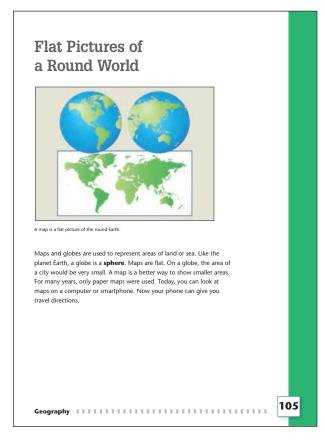
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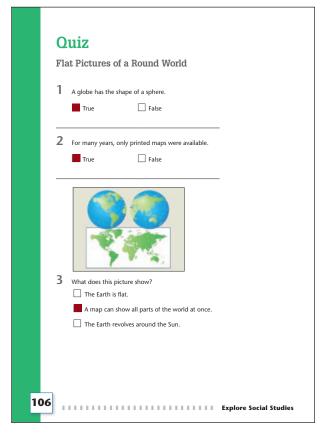
Geography is the study of Earth's landscapes, people, places and environments.

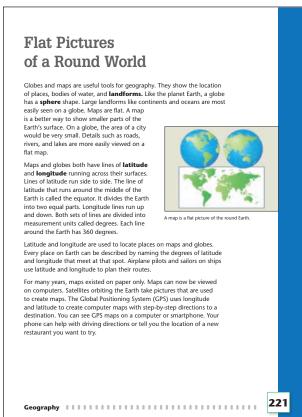


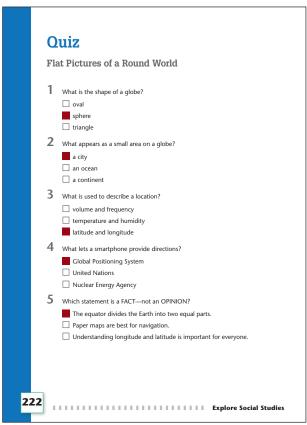
Flat Pictures of a Round World

Maps and globes are important tools used in geography.









KEY CONCEPT: Geographic tools and skills

For Discussion

What does a globe help you see about the earth that a flat map does not?

A globe shows what Earth looks like as a round planet in space. Spinning a globe shows how the earth rotates. A globe is the most accurate way to visually represent the sizes and locations of continents and oceans on the surface of the earth.

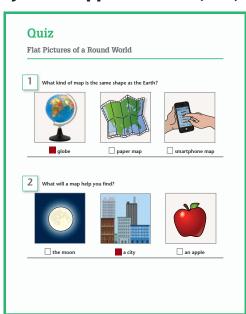
Why are flat maps sometimes better to use when looking at the earth's surface?

A map can be shown in a book or be folded up and more easily used on a trip. A map can show many details of a small area of land.

Additional Facts

- Mapmaking existed before the invention of writing. The oldest maps were carved in stone and painted on cave walls.
- Before the invention of the magnetic compass, the North Star was used as a guide for navigation and map reading.
- Maps have not always pointed north. The earliest maps put east at the top because the sun rises in the east. Many early settlers of North America created maps with west at the top because settlers and explorers were traveling west.

Symbol-Supported Quiz (PDF)



Lesson Extension

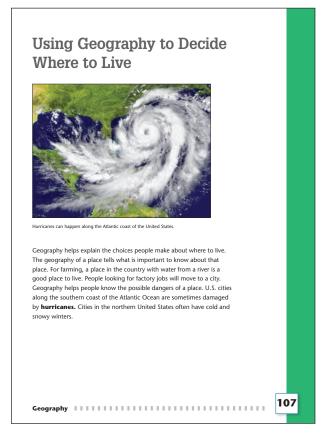
A globe accurately represents the shapes and locations of oceans and landforms on the surface of the earth. If you cut a globe in half and flattened out the two curved pieces,

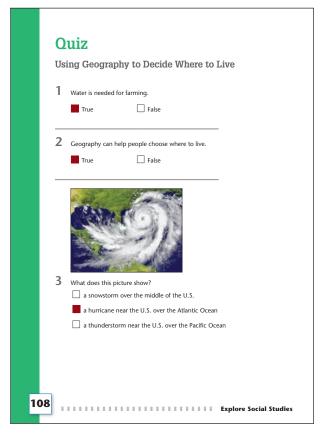


the sizes and shapes would look stretched and distorted. Adjustments are made so that landforms are easier to look at on a flat map. This geographic technique is called "map projection."

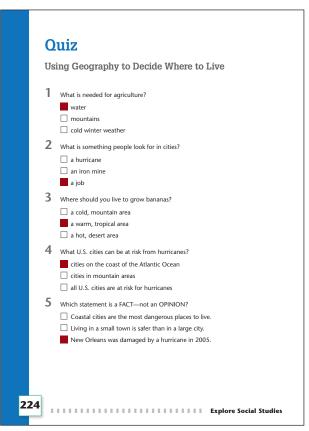
Using Geography to Decide Where to Live

When humans migrate across the planet, they have to adapt to changing conditions.





Using Geography to Decide Where to Live Geography helps explain the choices people make about where to live. In the past, people looked for places that could provide food, water, and shelter. Today, people look for places where jobs are available and where they feel safe. The geography of a place describes its location and what is important to know about that place. Early societies depended on agriculture. Agriculture needs a water supply and a warm climate. If a place is too cold or too hot, farming is difficult or impossible. The earliest civilizations grew up in warm climates and along rivers. Rivers are a great source of water for drinking, cooking, and farming. Today, many societies depend more on **industry** than agriculture. When people look for a place to live, they want to know what kinds of jobs are available there. Geography research shows what kinds of industry do well in a region. A location by a river or near the ocean is good for fishing and transportation. A place near a forest will be good for lumber production. Mining for iron and other metals often happens nea mountain areas. In a warm tropical area, people can grow fruits such as bananas, pineapples, and coconuts. When people decide where to live, they also need to consider the negative effects of geography. Rivers provide fresh water, but heavy rainfall can cause a river to flood. Tornados are common in some parts of the United States. Extremely cold weather can make life difficult in some places during winter months. Cities located near an ocean can be at risk from hurricanes. In 2005, Hurricane Katrina damaged U.S. cities along the southern coast of Atlantic Ocean. The city of New Orleans suffered the worst damage. Katrina became one of the deadliest hurricanes in U.S. history. More than 1,800 people were killed. When deciding where to live, people should consider how geography affects a place's climate, jobs, and safety. 223 Geography



Using Geography to Decide Where to Live

KEY CONCEPT: Looking at space and place

For Discussion

How has geography caused groups of people to leave a place to find a new home?

Weather and climate can drive a population out of one area because of drought or floods. If the population in one place becomes too large, there may not be enough jobs, or food and water may become scarce.

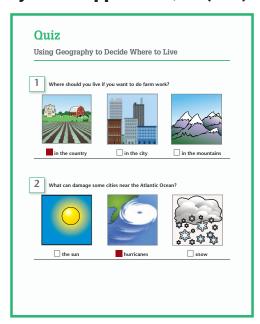
How do changes in technology affect where people live?

Irrigation systems pump water from underground wells, allowing people to farm in dry areas. Air conditioning makes it easier to live in hot places. Cars and roads allow people to live farther away from their jobs.

Additional Facts

- Deserts are dry areas of the world that get less than 10 inches of rain in a year. Deserts do not have to be hot to be called a desert. About 33% of the world's surface is desert.
- The geography of mountain areas can make life difficult for humans. Farming is hard because of harsh weather and uneven land. At a mountain elevation of 26,000 feet, there is not enough oxygen to support human life.
- Changes in climate can lead to bigger storms and large floods in an area that does not usually have those weather problems. Flooding can also occur when land near rivers is changed to create new farmland or homes.

Symbol-Supported Quiz (PDF)



Lesson Extension

Weather and climate are not the same thing. Weather is the day to day condition of temperature, rainfall, and wind in the atmosphere. Climate is the average weather



conditions of a place over a long period of time. A polar climate zone is very cold and dry all year. An arid zone is dry and hot all year. A tropical zone is hot and wet all year.