Social Studies

Brunswick School Department Grade 4 Maine Studies

	 Events and people have shaped the history of Maine and the
Essential	nation.
Understandings	 Maine's industries have evolved from the availability of natural
	resources.
Essential	What are some significant events in Maine history?
	 What contributions have Maine people made to the state and
Questions	country?
	How do communities determine what to produce or market?
	Significant events have shaped Maine's history, such as:
	o Popham Colony is founded. (1600's)
	 Maine is annexed as a frontier territory by Massachusetts. (1652)
	 Maine becomes a state as part of the Missouri Compromise (1820)
	 The Industrial Revolution impacts Maine in the areas of
	textiles, ship building, lumber and paper. (1830-1880)
	o Harriet Beecher Stowe writes <u>Uncle Tom's Cabin</u> . (1851)
	 Joshua Chamberlain leads the 20th Maine to successfully
	defended Little Round Top in the Battle of Gettysburg to
	shift the course of the Civil War. (1863)
	 Margaret Chase Smith is elected to the U.S. Senate. (1948)
	 Maine is struck by a crippling Ice Storm. (1998)
Essential	People from Maine have made significant contributions to the state
Knowledge	and country, such as:
	 Political and Social figures (i.e. Margaret Chase Smith, Joshua Chamberlain, George Mitchell, Dorothea Dix)
	Art and Literature (i.e., Henry Wadsworth Longfellow,
	Stephen King, Harriet Beecher Stowe)
	 Sports (i.e., Joan Benoit Samuelson, Ricky Craven, Bill
	Swift)
	 Entrépreneur (i.e., Leon (L.L.) Bean, Chester Greenwood,
	Tom and Katie Chappell)
	Ethnic groups have impacted Maine's history (i.e., Native
	Americans, English and French settlers, etc.).
	Regions of Maine have different natural resources that affect the
	economy (i.e., forestry, fishing, agricultural, etc.)
	 Industries in Maine vary by region (i.e., paper, shipbuilding, tourism, etc.)
	tourism, etc.) Terms:
Vocabulary	o entrepreneur, ethnic, natural resources, industry, tourism,
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Essential Skills	 Identify significant individuals and state their contributions. Identify significant events that have shaped Maine's history. Identify when and where certain groups have settled in Maine. Describe how resources and industry impact the economy in regions of Maine.
Related Maine Learning Results	Social Studies History
Sample Lessons	Create a classroom timeline of major events.Skits of major events.
And	 Web research using Maine State Kids page
Activities	 Visit the Maine State Museum. Write a persuasive essay with supporting facts about why Maine is
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	 Write a persuasive essay with supporting facts about why Maine is or is not a good place to live. Illustrate a Maine products booklet. Create a travel brochure for Maine. Research a famous Maine person. Complete a Maine booklet to include products, industry, maps, animals, fun facts, famous Mainers, etc. Play Maine Jeopardy.

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	Publications:
	 America The Beautiful Series: Maine – Deborah Kenr
	 Critters of Maine Pocket Guide – Maine Department of
	Inland Fisheries and Wildlife
Sample	 Maine and Her People – Harold Clifford
Resources	 Maine Facts and Symbols – Emily McAuliffe
	 My First Pocket Guide to Maine – Carole Marsh
	 Portrait of America Series: Maine – Kathleen Thompson
	 Sea To Shining Sea Series: Maine – Dennis Fradin
	■ <u>Videos:</u>
	 People of the Dawn
	o Rolling Back the Frontier
Technology	http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum
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