

Social Studies

Unit 4: United States Geography

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Different maps give us different information.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are some types of maps? ▪ What are the different regions of the United States? ▪ What are the natural resources of different regions? ▪ What are some major landmarks of different regions? ▪
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some types of maps include: physical, political, economic/resource map. ▪ The United States can be divided into distinct regions. ▪ Regions are made up of states. ▪ States are made up of cities and towns. ▪ Regions have specific natural resources. ▪ Landmarks in the United States include: The Statue of Liberty, Arch of St. Louis, Golden Gate Bridge, Grand Canyon, Mt. Rushmore, etc.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ road map, natural resource, landmark, population, boundary, border, cities, capital, capitol, key/legend, scale, climate, compass rose, intermediate directions (i.e. NE, SW, etc.) coordinate, equator, hemisphere, continent, ocean, cartographer, states, country
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify and use physical, political, economic/resource maps. ▪ Locate and name the regions of the United States. ▪ Locate and name the states of the United States. ▪ Identify state abbreviations. ▪ Identify the natural resources of a state in a particular region. ▪ Locate and identify major landmarks in the regions of the United States.
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>Social Studies</u> D. Geography D1. Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns Students understand the geography of the community, Maine, the United States, and various regions of the world. b. Create visual representations of the world, showing a basic understanding of the geographic grid, including the equator and prime meridian.</p>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pen Pal with someone from a different state. ▪ Brochure of different regions/state. ▪ Map puzzles. ▪ State riddles

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Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Label states in a regions.▪ Label a map of the 50 states.
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>Publications:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Geography From A to Z</u>○ <u>Kid's Almanac of Geography</u>○ <u>Puzzle Maps USA</u> – Nancy Clouse○ <u>USA From Outer Space</u> – Anne-Catherine Fallen▪ <u>Videos:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Getting Started With Geography</u>○ <u>Trav's Travels of The United States of America</u>
Technology Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us/curriculum