

**Cocalico School District**  
**Year-at-a-Glance - Curriculum Overview**

**Department: Social Studies**

**Course: Social Studies**

**Grade Level: 4th**

**Big Ideas**

- Pennsylvania has many different types of land, bodies of water, weather, and resources.
- According to many historians, the first people in North America may have walked over land forms in Asia 40,000 years ago. As people moved through North America they began to live in different ways.
- People in Europe explored, traveled to, and colonized North America and present-day Pennsylvania about 500 years ago.
- Conflict arose among colonists over who claimed land in Pennsylvania.
- Pennsylvania played a role in forming our country's government as well as early growth of industries and transportation.
- Innovations in transportation and industry influenced Pennsylvania's expansion into western Pennsylvania.
- Differences in ideals between states led to major conflict in the mid 1800's.

Units of Study	% of Course Time	Textbooks & Supplemental Materials	Assessments	Standards Addressed
• Geography and Map Skills	10	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies	• Project • Continents/Oceans Test	• 7.1.4.B • 7.2.4.B • 7.1.4
• First Pennsylvanians	15	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies	• Chapter Test • Project • Native American Journal Entry	• 8.1.4.A • 8.2.4.A
• Colonial Pennsylvania	15	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies	• Chapter Test • Project	• 8.4.4.A • 8.2.4.D •
• Creating a New Nation (French-Indian War- Constitution)	15	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies	• Chapter Test • Reciting the Preamble • Project	• 8.2.4.D • 8.2.4B • 8.3.4B • 8.2.4D • 5.1.4D • 8.2.4C • 8.3.4.D
• Growth and Expansion	15	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies	• Chapter Test	• 8.2.4.C • 7.3.4.A • 6.2.4.G •
• Government- Local, State, Federal	15	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies	• Chapter Test • Contact Local Representative for a presentation.	• 5.1.4D • 5.3.4F • 5.3.4.E • 5.3.4.A • 5.3.4.B • 5.4.3.C • 5.4.3.D
• Civil War	15	• Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: Social Studies Pennsylvania Studies • Supplemental Resources	• Chapter Test	• 8.2.4.D • 8.2.4.C • 8.2.4.D



**Eagle P.A.C.T. Course Connections:**

Students will **work with others** to research, investigate, create and **make connections** between past and current world events in order to develop an understanding of global citizenship. Students will **adapt** and **expand** their understanding of and create solutions to authentic problems which are relevant to the past and society today.