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World History and Geography

- a.** Maps and globes: what they represent, how we use them
- b.** Rivers, lakes, and mountains: what they are and how they are represented on maps and globes
- c.** Locate the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.
- d.** Locate the North and South Poles.

An Overview of the Seven Continents

- a.** Identify and locate the seven continents on a map and globe:
 - i.** Asia **ii.** Europe **iii.** Africa **iv.** North America **v.** South America **vi.** Antarctica **vii.** Australia

American History and Geography

- a.** Name and locate the town, city, or community, as well as the state where you live.
- b.** Locate North America, the continental United States, Alaska, and Hawaii

Native American Peoples, Past and Present

- a.** Become familiar with the people and ways of life of at least one Native American tribe or nation, including: **i.** how they lived **ii.** what they wore and ate **iii.** the homes they lived in **iv.** their beliefs and stories

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Early Exploration and Settlement

- a.** The Voyage of Columbus in 1492 **i.** Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand of Spain **ii.** The Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria **iii.** Columbus's mistaken identification of "Indies" and "Indians" **iv.** The idea of what was, for Europeans, a "New World"
- b.** The Pilgrims **i.** The Mayflower **ii.** Plymouth Rock **iii.** Thanksgiving Day celebration
- c.** July 4, "Independence Day" **i.** The "birthday" of our nation **ii.** Democracy (rule of the people): Americans wanted to rule themselves instead of being ruled by a faraway king. **iii.** Some people were not free: slavery in early America

Presidents, Past and Present

- a.** George Washington: "Father of Our Country" Legend of George Washington and the cherry tree
- b.** Thomas Jefferson: author of Declaration of Independence
- c.** Abraham Lincoln: Humble origins; "Honest Abe"
- d.** Theodore Roosevelt **e.** Current United States president

Symbols and Figures

- a.** Recognize and become familiar with the significance of **i.** American flag **ii.** Statue of Liberty **iii.** Mount Rushmore **iv.** The White House

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Social Studies and Civic:

a. Citizenship **i.** Rules **ii.** Laws **iii.** Good and Bad Choices **iv.** Being a Good Friend **v.** Sharing and Taking Turns **vi.** Working Hard **vii.** Cooperation **viii.** Being a Good Citizen

b. Then and Now **i.** Past, Present, and Future **ii.** People Long Ago **iii.** Homes Long Ago **iv.** Transportation Long Ago **v.** Cooking and Chores Long Ago **vi.** Jobs Long Ago **vii.** School Long Ago **viii.** Then and Now

c. Holidays Around the World **i.** Customs and Traditions **ii.** Mexico: Los Posadas **iii.** Germany: Christmas **iv.** Italy: Christmas **v.** Sweden: St. Lucia Day **vi.** India: Diwali **vii.** Israel: Hanukkah **viii.** Australia: Christmas **ix.** United States: Kwanzaa **x.** United States: Christmas

d. My Community **i.** My Neighborhood: Places and Homes **ii.** My Neighborhood: My Neighborhood: People and Families **iii.** Places in a Community **iv.** Community Helpers **v.** Why People Work **vi.** Wants and Needs **vii.** How We Help Our Community

e. Our World **i.** Positional Words **ii.** What is a Map? **iii.** Mapping Our Classroom **iv.** Map Symbols **v.** My City on the Map **vi.** Globes and Maps **vii.** Our Continents **viii.** Our Oceans **ix.** My Country **x.** My Place in the World