K-2.SSI Grades K-2 Social Studies: Inquiry

K-2.SSI.1 Question Development
  K-2.SSI.1.A Recognize that a question is important to understanding the world around us.

K-2.SSI.2 Plan Inquiry
  K-2.SSI.2.A Develop a question(s) in order to learn more about a situation.

K-2.SSI.3 Gathering & Evaluating Applicable Resources
  K-2.SSI.3.A Determine valuable resources to answer a question.

K-2.SSI.4 Developing Claims
  K-2.SSI.4.A With prompting and support, state a claim to answer a question.

K-2.SSI.5 Citing Evidence
  K-2.SSI.5.A Recognize that evidence should be used when answering a question.

K-2.SSI.6 Communicating Conclusions
  K-2.SSI.6.A Present findings and respond effectively to others’ questions and feedback.

K-2.SSB Grades K-2 Social Studies: Behavioral Sciences

K-2.SSB.1 Individual Perception and Behavior
  K-2.SSB.1.A Recognize that an adult might react differently than a child to a situation.

K-2.SSB.2 Personal Identity and Empathy
  K-2.SSB.2.A Understand that people may have different reactions to the same situation.

K-2.SSB.3 Relationship of People and Groups
  K-2.SSB.3.A Understand how groups of people are alike and different.

K-2.SSB.4 Cultural Patterns

K-2.SSB.5 Social Interactions
  K-2.SSB.5.A Compare a belief and/or tradition in one culture to another culture (e.g., celebrating Holidays).
K-2.SSE  Grades K-2 Social Studies: Economics

K-2.SSE.1  Choices and Decision-Making
  K-2.SSE.1.A  Understand the difference between a want and a need.
  K-2.SSE.1.B  Identify what is important to you, your family, community, and country.

K-2.SSE.2  Incentives

K-2.SSE.3  Consumers, Producers, and Markets
  K-2.SSE.3.A  Understand the difference between buyers and sellers (consumers and producers).

K-2.SSE.4  Supply, Demand, and Competition
  K-2.SSE.4.A  Understand how products are priced.

K-2.SSE.5  Cost of Production
  K-2.SSE.5.A  Understand how resources are used to make goods.

K-2.SSE.6  Economic Indicators

K-2.SSE.7  Money
  K-2.SSE.7.A  Understand why money is used and should be saved.

K-2.SSE.9  Allocation of Resources
  K-2.SSE.9.A  Understand how a good gets to a local community or market.

K-2.SSE.10  Institutions
  K-2.SSE.10.A  Identify different jobs people have and how they help each other.

K-2.SSE.11  Role of Government
  K-2.SSE.11.A  Identify goods and services that the government provides and how they help people.

K-2.SSE.12  Specialization, Trade, and Interdependence
  K-2.SSE.12.A  Understand how people can benefit themselves and others.
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K-2.SSG Grades K-2 Social Studies: Geography
  K-2.SSG.1 Tools of Geography
    K-2.SSG.1.A Understand the difference between maps and globes.
  K-2.SSG.2 Spatial Thinking
    K-2.SSG.2.A Recognize physical and human characteristics of a place using maps, graphs, photographs, and other representations.
  K-2.SSG.3 Mental Mapping
    K-2.SSG.3.A Create a map of a familiar and an unfamiliar place, using title, compass rose, and symbols.

  K-2.SSG.4 Population and Place
    K-2.SSG.4.A Understand why people live in certain places, including local and global communities.
  K-2.SSG.5 Impact of Movement
    K-2.SSG.5.A Understand that the movement of people impacts communities (e.g., physical, social, geographic, economic, religious, etc.)

  K-2.SSG.6 Urbanization
    K-2.SSG.6.A Understand the differences between rural and urban areas.
  K-2.SSG.7 Distribution of Resources
    K-2.SSG.7.A Understand what a resource is and how it affects a community.
  K-2.SSG.8 Transportation of People and Ideas
    K-2.SSG.8.A Understand how transportation and communication have changed over time.
  K-2.SSG.9 Characteristics of Place
    K-2.SSG.9.A Identify the physical and nonphysical characteristics of a place.
  K-2.SSG.10 Human Environment Interaction
    K-2.SSG.10.A Understand how humans change the physical environment.
  K-2.SSG.11 Interdependence
    K-2.SSG.11.A Understand that people share and trade products and resources.
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K-2.SSH Grades K-2 Social Studies: History
K-2.SSH.1 Cause and Effect
  K-2.SSH.1.A Identify the cause and effect on an event, issue, or problem.
K-2.SSH.2 Patterns of Historical Themes
  K-2.SSH.2.A Identify and describe patterns of what stays the same and what changes to self, family, and community over time.
K-2.SSH.3 Contextualization
  K-2.SSH.3.A Recognize how something happening outside of your home can affect your family.
K-2.SSH.4 Connections
  K-2.SSH.4.A Describe a person or event from the past that is similar to your life.
K-2.SSH.5 Perspective
  K-2.SSH.5.A Understand that two people can talk about an event from different viewpoints.
K-2.SSH.6 Current Implications
  K-2.SSH.6.A Explain how something from the past can affect your life now.
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K-2.SSP  Grades K-2 Social Studies: Political Science
K-2.SSP.1  American Democracy
   K-2.SSP.1.A  Understand traditions that identify our state and country.
   K-2.SSP.1.B  Understand why rules and laws are important.
K-2.SSP.2  Origins of U.S. Government
   K-2.SSP.2.A  Identify historical figures who influenced the foundation of the United States.
K-2.SSP.3  Human and Civil Rights
   K-2.SSP.3.A  Compare rights and responsibilities within the classroom, school, and community.
K-2.SSP.4  Human and Civil Liberties
   K-2.SSP.4.A  Identify basic rights that all humans have.
K-2.SSP.5  Fundamentals of Citizenship
   K-2.SSP.5.A  Identify what makes a good citizen.
K-2.SSP.6  Government Participation
   K-2.SSP.6.A  Describe and explain the effect an action has on members of a group.
K-2.SSP.7  Government & Media Awareness
   K-2.SSP.7.A  Identify different types of media and sources that inform the public.
K-2.SSP.8  Power in Government
   K-2.SSP.8.A  Recognize the roles government plays in the lives of people.
K-2.SSP.9  Public Policy
   K-2.SSP.9.A  Understand that there are different ways to solve a problem.
K-2.SSP.10  Argumentation
   K-2.SSP.10.A  Compare and contrast points of view on the same topic.
K-2.SSP.11  Consensus Building
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3-5.SSI  Grades 3-5 Social Studies: Inquiry
  3-5.SSI.1  Question Development
    3-5.SSI.1.A  Create a list of open- and closed-ended questions on a topic or issue.
  3-5.SSI.2  Plan Inquiry
    3-5.SSI.2.A  Develop questions that support the research, discussion, and investigation.
  3-5.SSI.3  Gathering & Evaluating Applicable Resources
    3-5.SSI.3.A  Gather and evaluate resources to determine which best answer the question.
  3-5.SSI.4  Developing Claims
    3-5.SSI.4.A  Create a thesis statement based on evidence found in sources to make a claim.
  3-5.SSI.5  Citing Evidence
    3-5.SSI.5.A  Select appropriate evidence from sources to support a claim.
  3-5.SSI.6  Communicating Conclusions
    3-5.SSI.6.A  Evaluate the strength of a claim and its evidence.

3-5.SSB  Grades 3-5 Social Studies: Behavioral Sciences
  3-5.SSB.1  Individual Perception and Behavior
    3-5.SSB.1.A  Understand that a reaction is affected by prior experiences.
  3-5.SSB.2  Personal Identity and Empathy
    3-5.SSB.2.A  Understand that culture, ethnicity, race, age, religion, and social class can affect someone's life.
  3-5.SSB.3  Relationship of People and Groups
    3-5.SSB.3.A  Understand how people from different cultures solve common problems.
  3-5.SSB.4  Cultural Patterns
    3-5.SSB.4.A  Understand how people from different cultures develop different values and viewpoints.
  3-5.SSB.5  Social Interactions
    3-5.SSB.5.A  Understand how similarities and differences in cultures may lead to understandings and misunderstandings.
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3-5.SSE Grades 3-5 Social Studies: Economics

3-5.SSE.1 Choices and Decision-Making
   3-5.SSE.1.A Compare and contrast the costs and benefits of a decision.
   3-5.SSE.1.B Be able to categorize limited resources (e.g., money, materials, time, labor).

3-5.SSE.2 Incentives
   3-5.SSE.2.A Understand how similarities and differences in cultures may lead to understandings and misunderstandings.

3-5.SSE.3 Consumers, Producers, and Markets
   3-5.SSE.3.A Understand that supply and demand affects products, availability, and the workforce.
   3-5.SSE.3.B Understand the difference between goods and services.

3-5.SSE.4 Supply, Demand, and Competition
   3-5.SSE.4.A Assess the roles of consumers, producers, prices, non-price factors (e.g., fad items, natural disasters), and competition.

3-5.SSE.5 Cost of Production
   3-5.SSE.5.A Identify the factors of production (e.g., location, materials, equipment, expertise, motivation) in order to make a profit.

3-5.SSE.6 Economic Indicators
   3-5.SSE.6.A Understand how the cost of goods and services change over time.

3-5.SSE.7 Money
   3-5.SSE.7.A Describe the role of money, banking, and savings in everyday life, including why people borrow money and the role of interest.

3-5.SSE.8 Economic Fluctuations
   3-5.SSE.8.A Identify the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Product (GNP).

3-5.SSE.9 Allocation of Resources
   3-5.SSE.9.A Identify the chain of supply for a basic need (food, clothing, shelter).

3-5.SSE.10 Institutions
   3-5.SSE.10.A Understand the role of economic institutions (e.g. banks, government) in helping individuals and society.

3-5.SSE.11 Role of Government
   3-5.SSE.11.A Understand why governments tax and the impact on the economy.
3-5.SSE  Grades 3-5 Social Studies: Economics - continued
    3-5.SSE.12  Specialization, Trade, and Interdependence
        3-5.SSE.12.A  Identify goods and services that vary between two or more regions.
        3-5.SSE.12.B  Identify examples of U.S. imports and exports.
3-5.SSG  Grades 3-5 Social Studies: Geography

3-5.SSG.1  Tools of Geography
- 3-5.SSG.1.A  Understand how absolute and relative location affects people, places, and environment (e.g. absolute and relative).

3-5.SSG.2  Spatial Thinking
- 3-5.SSG.2.A  Evaluate patterns in a variety of maps, charts, and graphs to display geographic information.

3-5.SSG.3  Mental Mapping
- 3-5.SSG.3.A  Locate regions, and physical and cultural features throughout the world.

3-5.SSG.4  Population and Place
- 3-5.SSG.4.A  Understand types of communities and their populations, including local and global communities.

3-5.SSG.5  Impact of Movement
- 3-5.SSG.5.A  Understand and explain how the movement of people impacts communities (e.g., physical, social, geographic, economic, religious, etc.)

3-5.SSG.6  Urbanization
- 3-5.SSG.6.A  Understand the relationships between rural and urban areas.

3-5.SSG.7  Distribution of Resources
- 3-5.SSG.7.A  Understand how the access to various resources impacts the patterns of human settlement.

3-5.SSG.8  Transportation of People and Ideas
- 3-5.SSG.8.A  Identify how people, products, and ideas move between places.

3-5.SSG.9  Characteristics of Place
- 3-5.SSG.9.A  Understand the physical and nonphysical characteristics of a place related to its culture.

3-5.SSG.10  Human Environment Interaction
- 3-5.SSG.10.A  Understand the effects of human actions on the physical environment over time.

3-5.SSG.11  Interdependence
- 3-5.SSG.11.A  Understand that the distribution of resources creates systems of commerce between groups.
3-5.SSH  Grades 3-5 Social Studies: History
   3-5.SSH.1  Cause and Effect
       3-5.SSH.1.A  Use evidence to draw conclusions about probable cause and effect of an event, issue, or problem.

   3-5.SSH.2  Patterns of Historical Themes
       3-5.SSH.2.A  Using multiple sources, evaluate patterns of what stays the same and what changes over time.

   3-5.SSH.3  Contextualization
       3-5.SSH.3.A  Understand how a historical event influences continuity or change.

   3-5.SSH.4  Connections
       3-5.SSH.4.A  Compare events in history to a current issue or event.

   3-5.SSH.5  Perspective
       3-5.SSH.5.A  Apply historical perspectives to describe different viewpoints of current and past events.

   3-5.SSH.6  Current Implications
       3-5.SSH.6.A  Explain how historical events have possible implications on the present.
3-5.SSP.1 American Democracy
   3-5.SSP.1.A Understand majority rule and minority rights.
   3-5.SSP.1.B Understand that laws are based on the Constitution.
3-5.SSP.2 Origins of U.S. Government
   3-5.SSP.2.A Identify the Founding Fathers and their role in the development of the U.S. Government.
   3-5.SSP.2.B Understand contributions to the development of political culture.
3-5.SSP.3 Human and Civil Rights
   3-5.SSP.3.A Understand the rights and responsibilities to people found in the Constitution.
3-5.SSP.4 Human and Civil Liberties
   3-5.SSP.4.A Identify people and their actions have influenced basic human and civil liberties.
3-5.SSP.5 Fundamentals of Citizenship
   3-5.SSP.5.A Develop an opinion about an issue in your school and community based on the responsibilities of good citizenship.
3-5.SSP.6 Government Participation
   3-5.SSP.6.A Identify reasons why citizens participate in government.
3-5.SSP.7 Government & Media Awareness
   3-5.SSP.7.A Identify how media influences public opinions.
3-5.SSP.8 Power in Government
   3-5.SSP.8.A Understand the basic structure, functions and powers of government.
3-5.SSP.9 Public Policy
   3-5.SSP.9.A Compare and contrast how various government entities solve problems.
3-5.SSP.10 Argumentation
   3-5.SSP.10.A Form an argument by taking multiple points of view into account.
3-5.SSP.11 Consensus Building
   3-5.SSP.11.A Understand the factors that influence how political groups work towards consensus
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6-8.SSI Grades 6-8 Social Studies: Inquiry
  6-8.SSI.1 Question Development
    6-8.SSI.1.A Create open-ended questions for further research.
  6-8.SSI.2 Plan Inquiry
    6-8.SSI.2.A Identify relevant sources that support student-led inquiry.
  6-8.SSI.3 Gathering & Evaluating Applicable Resources
    6-8.SSI.3.A Determine usefulness and credibility of primary and secondary sources.
  6-8.SSI.4 Developing Claims
    6-8.SSI.4.A Develop a debatable and defensible claim based on the analysis of sources.
  6-8.SSI.5 Citing Evidence
    6-8.SSI.5.A Support claim with evidence from multiple reliable sources representing a range of mediums.

6-8.SSI.6 Communicating Conclusions
  6-8.SSI.6.A Evaluate the logic, relevance, and accuracy of claims, taking into consideration personal bias.

6-8.SSB Grades 6-8 Social Studies: Behavioral Sciences
  6-8.SSB.1 Individual Perception and Behavior
    6-8.SSB.1.A Identify factors that influence a person's cognition, perception, and behavior.
  6-8.SSB.2 Personal Identity and Empathy
    6-8.SSB.2.A Understand the effects of ethnic and/or gender discrimination on identity.
  6-8.SSB.3 Relationship of People and Groups
    6-8.SSB.3.A Understand how elements of culture can unify or divide a group of people.
  6-8.SSB.4 Cultural Patterns
    6-8.SSB.4.A Understand how individuals learn the elements of their culture and of other cultures.
  6-8.SSB.5 Social Interactions
    6-8.SSB.5.A Understand how individuals, groups, and institutions can influence people, events, and cultures.
6-8.SSE

Grades 6-8 Social Studies: Economics

6-8.SSE.1 Choices and Decision-Making
   6-8.SSE.1.A Analyze how the opportunity costs of decisions might vary based on the situation.
   6-8.SSE.1.B Evaluate how limited resources impact the choices of individuals, households, communities, businesses, and countries.

6-8.SSE.2 Incentives
   6-8.SSE.2.A Evaluate how incentives determine what is produced and distributed in a competitive market system.

6-8.SSE.3 Consumers, Producers, and Markets
   6-8.SSE.3.A Understand how individuals, businesses, and governments are both consumers and producers.
   6-8.SSE.3.B Understand the roles of consumers and producers of the market for goods and services.

6-8.SSE.4 Supply, Demand, and Competition
   6-8.SSE.4.A Evaluate the extent to which competition exists and how it can affect price, quantity, and variety.

6-8.SSE.5 Cost of Production
   6-8.SSE.5.A Evaluate factors of production and how they are combined to provide goods and/or services for a profit.

6-8.SSE.6 Economic Indicators
   6-8.SSE.6.A Analyze how inflation, deflation, and unemployment affect different groups.

6-8.SSE.7 Money
   6-8.SSE.7.A Understand the functions of money and how interest rates influence borrowing and investing.

6-8.SSE.8 Economic Fluctuations
   6-8.SSE.8.A Analyze the use of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to assess the state of an economy.

6-8.SSE.9 Allocation of Resources
   6-8.SSE.9.A Understand how different economic systems meet the needs of their consumers.

6-8.SSE.10 Institutions
   6-8.SSE.10.A Understand rules and laws that protect consumers, workers, businesses, and institutions.

6-8.SSE.11 Role of Government
6-8.SSE.11.A Evaluate types of taxes (e.g., progressive, regressive) and earned benefits with eligibility criteria (e.g., Social Security, Medicare).

6-8.SSE.12 Specialization, Trade, and Interdependence
   6-8.SSE.12.A Identify the role of specialization in trade.

6-8.SSE.12 Specialization, Trade, and Interdependence - continued
   6-8.SSE.12.B Understand the benefits and costs of trade policies to individuals, businesses, societies, and among countries.
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6-8.SSG  Grades 6-8 Social Studies: Geography
6-8.SSG.1  Tools of Geography
   6-8.SSG.1.A  Demonstrate understanding of the appropriate features of a variety of maps (e.g., distortion, area, distance, direction).

6-8.SSG.2  Spatial Thinking
   6-8.SSG.2.A  Evaluate purposes of and differences among maps, globes, aerial photographs, charts, and satellite images.

6-8.SSG.3  Mental Mapping
   6-8.SSG.3.A  Understand that mental maps are shaped by individual perceptions of people, places, regions, and environments.

6-8.SSG.4  Population and Place
   6-8.SSG.4.A  Understand the distribution and movement of populations on a local and global scale.

6-8.SSG.5  Impact of Movement
   6-8.SSG.5.A  Understand and evaluate the global impacts of population shifts over a period of time.

6-8.SSG.6  Urbanization
   6-8.SSG.6.A  Understand and explain the interdependence of rural and urban areas on a global scale.

6-8.SSG.7  Distribution of Resources
   6-8.SSG.7.A  Understand the relationship between the distribution of various resources and patterns of human settlement.

6-8.SSG.8  Transportation of People and Ideas
   6-8.SSG.8.A  Understand the patterns of transportation and communication used in local and global communities.

6-8.SSG.9  Characteristics of Place
   6-8.SSG.9.A  Understand and evaluate the ways culture and the characteristics of a place can change over time.

6-8.SSG.10  Human Environment Interaction
   6-8.SSG.10.A  Analyze the intentional and unintentional impacts humans have on the environment over time.

6-8.SSG.11  Interdependence
   6-8.SSG.11.A  Hypothesize how changes in human behavior can result in changes that have effects on a global scale.
6-8.SSH  Grades 6-8 Social Studies: History

6-8.SSH.1  Cause and Effect
  6-8.SSH.1.A  Use multiple perspectives to analyze and explain the cause and effect of events within and across time periods, events, or cultures.

6-8.SSH.2  Patterns of Historical Themes
  6-8.SSH.2.A  Evaluate the trustworthiness and bias of multiple sources to analyze patterns of what stays the same and what changes over time.

6-8.SSH.3  Contextualization
  6-8.SSH.3.A  Understand how a historical event influences the process or nature of continuity or change.

6-8.SSH.4  Connections
  6-8.SSH.4.A  Hypothesize how significant historical periods influence present and future issues and events.

6-8.SSH.5  Perspective
  6-8.SSH.5.A  Evaluate historical perspective to create arguments with evidence concerning current events.

6-8.SSH.6  Current Implications
  6-8.SSH.6.A  Evaluate and justify predictions of potential outcomes of current events based on the past.
6-8.SSP  Grades 6-8 Social Studies: Political Science
6-8.SSP.1  American Democracy
   6-8.SSP.1.A  Understand how the Preamble and Bill of Rights protects freedoms and rights.
   6-8.SSP.1.B  Understand the interdependence of the three branches of government on the Constitution (e.g., checks and balances).
6-8.SSP.2  Origins of U.S. Government
   6-8.SSP.2.A  Identify the Founding Fathers and understand their role in the development of the principles of the Constitution.
   6-8.SSP.2.B  Understand how government documents and court decisions affect the general welfare.
6-8.SSP.3  Human and Civil Rights
   6-8.SSP.3.A  Understand the limits of individual rights and protections found in the Constitution.
6-8.SSP.4  Human and Civil Liberties
   6-8.SSP.4.A  Understand the impact of individuals, groups, and movements on the development of human and civil liberties for different groups.
6-8.SSP.5  Fundamentals of Citizenship
   6-8.SSP.5.A  Understand the skills necessary to participate in the election process (e.g., registering to vote, evaluating candidates and issues, casting a ballot).
6-8.SSP.6  Government Participation
   6-8.SSP.6.A  Evaluate solutions to increase participation in government.
6-8.SSP.7  Government & Media Awareness
   6-8.SSP.7.A  Evaluate the trustworthiness and bias of multiple sources to analyze patterns of what is true and untrue in political action.
6-8.SSP.8  Power in Government
   6-8.SSP.8.A  Analyze the structure, functions, powers, and limitations of government.
6-8.SSP.9  Public Policy
6-8.SSP.10  Argumentation
   6-8.SSP.10.A  Create arguments by researching and interpreting claims and counterclaims.
6-8.SSP.11  Consensus Building
   6-8.SSP.11.A  Analyze the effects of a political compromise or an absence of a political compromise with major historical impact.