

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG

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GRADE 4					
Big Idea	PA Standard(S)	FOURTH GRADE Essential Questions	COMPETENCIES	Text pages or supplementary material	Date Assessed
<p>Geography is used to explain the past, interpret the present and plan for the future.</p>	<p>7.1.4, 7.2.4, 7.4.4</p>	<p>What makes one place different from another?</p>	<p>Locate and highlight the state of PA, its capital city, and major cities.</p>		
			<p>Identify the line of latitude closest to the student’s hometown and two other towns/cities along that same parallel.</p>		
			<p>Identify the line of longitude closest to the student’s hometown and two other towns/cities along that same meridian.</p>		
			<p>Locate and identify the states that border Pennsylvania.</p>		
			<p>Identify proximate and distant locations using a graphic organizer of concentric circles with the student’s hometown and/or state at the center.</p>		
			<p>Identify major landforms and rivers using physical maps.</p>		
			<p>Identify the source and mouth of each major PA river.</p>		
			<p>Define and identify major geographic landforms.</p>		
			<p>Describe the effect of elevation on waterways.</p>		
			<p>Identify the major regions of the United States.</p>		
			<p>Locate and identify the major geographic regions of PA.</p>		
			<p>Describe the features that make up each region.</p>		

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. Geography is used to explain the past, interpret the present and plan for the future.		What makes one place different from another?	Define climate.		
			Explain how climate is related to temperature and precipitation.		
			Describe how climate is affected by proximity to bodies of water.		
			Describe the types of severe weather that affects Pennsylvania.		
			Describe the major natural resources of Pennsylvania.		
			Distinguish renewable from non-renewable resources.		
			Relate resources found near the student’s hometown to local industry.		
			Explore and identify the variety of environments found in PA state parks.		
			Analyze the importance of protecting local rivers and lakes.		
			Evaluate conservation methods and efforts in the community.		
			Evaluate the energy options available in the community.		

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<p>Geographic representations are essential to explain the spatial organization of people, places, and environments.</p>	<p>7.1.4</p>	<p>Why are geographic tools useful?</p>	<p>Describe their location on the earth-absolute and relative.</p>		
			<p>Locate and identify the oceans, hemispheres and continents.</p>		
			<p>Compare the purposes and uses of various types of projections of maps.</p>		
			<p>Explain the functions of standard map features (e.g. legend, scale).</p>		
			<p>Compare information on a map and globe.</p>		

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<p>The history of the Commonwealth continues to influence Pennsylvanians and has impacted the United States and the rest of the world.</p>	<p>8.2.4</p>	<p>How do major events, cultures, groups and/or individuals in the historical development of Pennsylvania influence your life?</p>	<p>Explain how people may have come to North America from Asia.</p>		
			<p>Describe the way of life of the Susquehannock and Leni Lenape cultures.</p>		
			<p>Identify place names in PA that are of Native American origin.</p>		
			<p>Identify and compare the location and cultures of five Native American groups that lived in PA.</p>		
			<p>Analyze the reasons for European settlement in PA and identify their contributions.</p>		
			<p>Explain the relationship between the settlers and the American Indians.</p>		
			<p>Identify and describe early settlements in PA and the country of origin of the people who founded them.</p>		
			<p>Explain how William Penn's personal beliefs affected how he set up and governed his PA colony.</p>		
			<p>Explain why so many Catholics settled in William Penn's Province of Pennsylvania.</p>		
			<p>Describe the Pennsylvania colony's government and the freedoms granted to its people.</p>		

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All economic systems must answer what, and how, goods and services will be produced, and who will consume those goods and services.	6.4.4, 8.2.4	How do the resources and economy of each region determine its products, goods and services?	Identify the major natural resources in each region and the ways people use them.		
			List the products that come from these natural resources.		
			Describe how people change their environment to meet their needs.		
			Compare the methods used by each region to conserve natural resources.		
			Distinguish between producer and consumer.		
			Describe the kinds of work people do in each region.		
			Describe the basic law of supply and demand.		

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	8.2.4	How do the contributions of the immigrants influence us today?	Analyze why immigrants came to colonial Pennsylvania.		
			Identify the different peoples who immigrated to colonial Pennsylvania.		
			Explain how immigration affected PA economically.		
	8.2.4	How has social disagreement and collaboration been beneficial to Pennsylvania Society?	Identify the allies and analyze the events and outcome of the French and Indian War.		
			Analyze the colonists' reasons for declaring their independence from Britain.		
			Identify and describe Pennsylvania's contributions to the American Revolution.		

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The history of the Commonwealth continues to influence Pennsylvanians and has impacted the United States and the rest of the world.	8.2.4	What document or physical representation best summarizes Pennsylvania and why?	Identify and describe Benjamin Franklin's contributions to Pennsylvania.		
			Describe the actions of the Continental Congress.		
			Identify the key Pennsylvanians at the Constitutional Convention.		
			Describe the events that took place at the 1787 Convention.		
	8.2.4	How does continuity and change within Pennsylvania history influence your community today?	Describe the effect that canals and steamboats had on water travel in Pennsylvania.		
			Analyze the impact of turnpikes and railroads on Pennsylvania.		
			Describe the development of the coal and oil industries in PA.		
			Identify other Pennsylvania industries of the 1800's.		

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The history of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania continues to influence Pennsylvanians today, and has impacted the United States and the rest of the world.	8.2.4	How has social disagreement and collaboration been beneficial to Pennsylvania society?	Identify the reasons that the Civil War began.		
			Describe the presidencies of James Buchanan and Abraham Lincoln.		
			Describe the issue of slavery in Pennsylvania.		
			Describe the importance of the Battle of Gettysburg.		
			Describe Pennsylvania's role in the Underground Railroad.		
			Explain the role that Saint Francis Xavier Church, in Gettysburg, played in the Civil War.		
			Identify the reasons for Pennsylvania becoming part of the Union rather than the Confederacy.		
			Describe the contributions of Pennsylvania citizens to the Union effort during the Civil War.		
			Describe Pennsylvania's role in World War I and World War II.		
			Describe Pennsylvania's role in the Woman's Suffrage movement.		
	Describe how Pennsylvania was affected by the Great Depression.				
	Describe the events of the Johnstown flood.				
	Analyze the events of the incident at Three Mile Island.				
	Identify ways that the Catholic Church helped the citizens to cope with this frightening event.				

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The location of resources, transportation, communication networks and technological innovation affect economic patterns and the distribution of wealth.	6.2.4, 6.3.4	How has the past and present economy of Pennsylvania affect its growth?	Define and give an example of an “agribusiness”.			
			Identify the major agricultural products of Pennsylvania.			
			Describe how modern technology has affected farming.			
	Define “free enterprise system” and describe how it works.			Describe how an assembly line works.		
	Identify major products that are manufactured in PA.					
	Analyze the effects of major industries on the State of PA (e.g. chocolate, steel, glass, paper, machinery, furniture).					
	Identify the service industries found in Pennsylvania.					
	Identify the many types of service employees working in the Catholic churches, schools, hospitals, and other Catholic institutions within the Diocese of Harrisburg.					
	Describe the role of the service employee in the community.					
	Analyze the interdependence of the service industries.					

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			Define “entrepreneur”.		
			Identify five state and/or local entrepreneurs and describe their contributions to the community.		
			Describe the roles of investors and consumers.		
			Identify the factors that impact the transportation of goods (time, cost, refrigeration, etc.).		
			Identify the most efficient means of transporting goods to given locations (local, national, international).		
			Describe how various methods of communication have impacted the growth of industry in Pennsylvania.		

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Active citizens understand the workings of government and use that knowledge for the common good.	5.1.4, 5.2.4, 5.3.4	Why do we need a government?	Identify the three branches of state government.		
			Describe the responsibilities of each branch of the state government.		
			Describe the services provided by each branch of the state government.		
			Identify the officials who oversee each branch of the state government.		
			Identify the four types of local government.		
			Identify the services provided by each type of government.		
			Identify the leaders of each type of local/county government.		
			Describe the function and organization of school districts and school boards.		
Define “home rule”.					

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		What are the duties and rights of citizenship?	Define and explain the system of checks and balances.		
			Identify the three branches of national government and describe the function of each.		
			Explain the relationship between rights and responsibilities.		
			Identify examples of the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.		
			Describe the impact of consequences when the rules/laws of a civil society have been violated.		
			Explain the importance of participating in government and civic life.		
			Develop a list of perceived rights and duties of citizenship that reflect or involve our Catholic faith.		
		What are the official symbols of PA?	Identify the official commonwealth symbols.		
			Describe the origin of each official commonwealth symbol.		

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Know and understand the history of the Catholic Church in PA.		How did the early Church become established in PA?	Name the first Church in PA.		
			Name the first diocese in PA.		
			Name the first bishop in PA.		
		Why did so many Catholics settle in William Penn's Province of PA?			
		What are the 3 largest dioceses in the state?			

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Know and understand the history of the Diocese of Harrisburg.		How did the Diocese of Harrisburg become established?	Identify the fifteen counties in the Diocese of Harrisburg.		
			Identify the current Bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg.		
			Name the first bishop of the Diocese of Harrisburg.		
			Describe the origin of each official symbol on the Diocesan Coat of Arms.		
			Locate and explain the historical significance of: Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Hanover Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Lancaster (Old St. Mary's) Basilica of St. Cyril and Methodius, Danville Cathedral of St. Patrick, Harrisburg.		