

Academic Vocabulary

CONTENT BUILDER FOR THE PLC

SOCIAL STUDIES
GRADE 4

PLEASE NOTE: The words contained in **Academic Vocabulary** are words/concepts/terms essential for concept development; this list is not intended to be comprehensive. The “new to grade level” vocabulary suggestions are a starting point, and educators are encouraged to refer to their district curriculum resources for additional words/concepts/terms.

Geography of Texas

- 4.6 **Geography.** The student uses geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data.
- 4.7 **Geography.** The student understands the concept of regions.
- 4.9 **Geography.** The student understands how people adapt to and modify their environment.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.8

important words for concept development				
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced		social studies terms
Using Geographic Tools	geographic data population distribution scales	compass rose graphs grid systems legends	maps natural resources symbols	
Physical Geography: Regions of Texas	geographic region	climate landforms precipitation region vegetation		Coastal Plains Great Plains Mountains and Basins North Central Plains
Physical Geography Affects Human Settlement Patterns	dense population economic region geographic factors patterns of human activity political region population distribution population region settlement patterns sparse population	cities climate landforms towns		
Human Geography: Adaptation and Modification	adapt agricultural production air quality clearing dams drainage economic development energy production modify	basic needs construction habitats positive/negative consequences timber water quality wetlands wildlife		

American Indian Life

4.1 History. The student understands the origins, similarities, and differences of American Indian groups in Texas and North America before European exploration.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.9, 4.10, 4.14

important words for concept development			
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
American Indians: Location and Way of Life	adaptation culture group economic structure modification migration origins political structure social structure		Alabama Coushatta American Indian Caddo Jumano Karankawa Kickapoo Lipan Apache Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo
American Indians: Government and Economic Patterns	economic structures government structures trade	needs occupation wants	Caddo Comanche

Exploration and Colonization

4.2 History. The student understands the causes and effects of European exploration and colonization of Texas and North America.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.8, 4.10, 4.12, 4.14, 4.16, 4.19, 4.20

important words for concept development			
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
Age of Contact: European Exploration	competition economic opportunity expansion exploration explorers settlement trade route	accomplishments	Age of Contact Cabeza de Vaca Europe European exploration Francisco Coronado French Rene’ Robert Cavalier, Sieur de la Salle Seven Cities of Cibola/Seven Cities of Gold Spanish
First and Second Flags of Texas: Spain and France Colonize Texas	presidio	landmark patriotic symbol	José de Escandón six flags of Texas Catholic missions
The Third Flag Over Texas: Mexican Sovereignty	colonization constitutional republic emperor empresario monarchy settlement	contribution immigrants impact independence needs/wants	Anglo European Mexican Spanish

Independence – Annexation

4.3 History. The student understands the importance of the Texas Revolution, the Republic of Texas, and the annexation of Texas to the United States.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.15, 4.16, 4.17

important words for concept development			
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
Causes and Effects of the Revolution		cause/effect non-combatant revolution turning points	Antonio López de Santa Anna Battle of San Jacinto Battle of the Alamo Carlos Espalier David Crockett Enrique Esparza George Childress James Bowie José Francisco Ruiz Juan Antonio Padilla Juan N. Seguín Plácido Benavides Runaway Scrape San Jacinto Monument Sidney Sherman Susanna Dickinson Texas Declaration of Independence Vicente Filisola William B. Travis
The Fourth Flag of Texas: The Republic of Texas	constitutional republic debt democratic process frontier republic treaty	documents leadership	Anson Jones José Antonio Navarro Lorenzo de Zavala Mirabeau Lamar Musebach-Comanche Treaty Sam Houston Texas Constitution Texas Declaration of Independence Texas Rangers United States Constitution
The Fifth Flag of Texas: Annexation to the United States	annexation constitutional republic		cession Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo U.S.-Mexican War

A Developing Government Structure

4.15 Government. The student understands important ideas in historical documents of Texas and the United States.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.18

important words for concept development			
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
The Structure of Government	municipalities national/federal government	congress executive branch governor judicial branch legislative branch local government mayor officials political office president representative (state/U.S.) senator (state/U.S.) state government	Texas Constitution U.S. Constitution
	Historical Documents	individual rights	Bill of Rights Celebrate Freedom Week Declaration of Independence Texas Declaration of Independence U.S. Constitution

Texas at the End of the 19th Century

4.4 History. The student understands the political, economic, and social changes in Texas during the last half of the 19th century.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.11, 4.12, 4.13, 4.16, 4.20

important words for concept development			
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
Political Changes: Civil War and Reconstruction	emancipation origins political impact		Civil War Juneteenth Reconstruction
Economic Changes: Expanding Industries	cattle industry closing the frontier communication division of labor economic change economic growth free enterprise industry interdependence mass production railroads specialization	technological changes transportation	Charles Goodnight Joseph Glidden Lizzie Johnson Richard King range wars
Social Changes: Conflict with American Indians	expansion forts		buffalo hunters Buffalo Soldiers Plains Indians Quanah Parker Red River War Treaty of Medicine Lodge

20th Century Texas

- 4.5 **History.** The student understands important issues, events, and individuals of the 20th century in Texas.
- 4.11 **Economics.** The student understands the characteristics and benefits of the free enterprise system in Texas.
- 4.13 **Economics.** The student understands how Texas, the United States, and other parts of the world are economically interdependent.
- 4.20 **Science, technology, and society.** The student understands the impact of science and technology on life in Texas.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.12

important words for concept development			
subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
The Free Enterprise System	economic development equality of opportunity free enterprise system means of production productive resources progress	choice goods and services markets producers and consumers profit supply and demand	
Age of Oil and the Early 20th Century	accomplishments industrialization supplier urbanization	oil and gas industry	Dust Bowl Great Depression Spindletop World War II
Modern Innovation and the Global Market	aerospace industry agriculture/agricultural products contributions energy equality of opportunity oil and gas progress	communication inventors scientific discovery scientists technological change technological innovation transportation	20th Century 21st Century Michael DeBakey Millie Hughes-Fulford

Citizenship and Culture

4.16 Citizenship. The student understands important customs, symbols, and celebrations of Texas.

4.17 Citizenship. The student understands the importance of active individual participation in the democratic process.

Connected Knowledge and Skills 4.5, 4.18, 4.19

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subcluster	new to grade level	previously introduced	social studies terms
Honor and Celebrate Texas: Citizenship	accountability appointed constitutional republic democratic process	duty of individual citizens elected leadership qualities public officials responsibilities rights	Adina de Zavala Ann Richards Barbara Jordan Clara Driscoll Henry B. González James A. Baker III John Tower Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag Raul A. Gonzalez Jr. Sam Rayburn "Texas, Our Texas" Wallace Jefferson
Honor and Celebrate Texas: Culture	religious expression	cultural celebration ethnic tradition	Cinco de Mayo Fiesta San Antonio Oktoberfest Strawberry Festival