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Civics/Government Fourth Grade

THE SCRIPTURE

For the kingship belongs to the LORD, the ruler over all nations. Psalm 22:29.

Ten Commandments Exodus 20

Sermon on the Mount (Beatitudes) Matthew 5:3-10

STANDARD

Students will recognize and evaluate the rights and responsibilities of Catholic citizens. Students will examine the individual's role as a Catholic citizen of the community, state and the Church. They will determine how people can participate in government and analyze why choosing to participate is important. This will help ensure the students pursuit of the goodness in themselves and others. Students will investigate ways that responsible Catholic citizens can fulfill their civic duty, such as, engaging in one or more of the following opportunities: serving the common good, being law-abiding, showing respect for others, volunteering, serving the public in an elected or appointed office, and/or joining the military.

Students will examine the services provided by local and state governments and the Catholic Church. They will describe the types, characteristics, and services of political units, such as city, county, state, and country, religious units, such as parish, diocese, Archdiocese. Students will investigate the function of state governments. They will recognize that all states have constitutions, and all citizens have equal rights and responsibilities as set forth in both the state and U.S. Constitution. Students will define the rule of law as it applies to individuals, family, school, and local, state, and national governments. Students will recognize and evaluate the shared ideals in the United States, such as the right to vote and freedom of religion and speech.

EXAMPLES

Literature: Farmer Boy by Laura Ingalls

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- 1. What are the consequences of people being good citizens? (Standard 1)
- 2. What are the consequences of being a follower of Christ. (Standard 1)
- 3. How does the Kansas Constitution protect the rights of the citizens of Kansas? (Standard 2)
- 4. How does the Great Commandment direct and protect our rights and responsibilities as Catholic citizens. (Standard 2)
- 5. Why did the authors of the U.S. Constitution say "We the people?" (Standard 3)
- 6. How have the rights of citizens changed since Kansas became a state? (Standard 4)
- 7. How has the Catholic Church influenced the change in the state of Kansas and the regions of the United States over time. (Standard 4)
- 8. How does a citizen effect change in government? (Standard 5)
- 9. Analyze how the Catholic worldview and values influence good citizenship. (Standard 5)

VOCABULARY

PEOPLE/ROLES

- 1. Governor
- 2. Senator
- 3. Representative

- 4. Citizens
- 5. President
- 6. Priest
- 7. Bishop
- 8. Archbishop
- 9. Pope

PLACES/INSTITUTIONS

- 1. Capitol
- 2. Capital
- 3. Topeka
- 4. Student's city, county, diocese, and parish

IDEAS

- 1. Rights and responsibilities
- 2. Common good
- 3. Constitution
- 4. Civic duty
- 5. Religious duty (Time, Treasure, and Talent)
- 6. Branches of government (legislative, judicial, executive)
- 7. Church structure
- 8. Ten Commandments
- 9. Beatitudes

EVENTS

- 1. Jury duty
- 2. Community service
- 3. Elections
- 4. Sermon on the Mount

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Demonstrate cooperation and compromise in roles of leadership and participation
- 2. Exhibit good citizenship skills, such as showing respect, being responsible, having a positive attitude, exercising self-discipline, and engaging in conflict resolution and review the Great Commandment. (John 13:34 Love one another as I have loved you.)
- 3. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacherled) with diverse partners on grade topics and texts, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. (4.SL.1)
- 4. Follow agreed-upon rules for discussions and carry out assigned roles.
- 5. Compare/Contrast the laws of our country to the laws of the Church.
- 6. Understanding the importance of participating in the Sacraments.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Geography Fourth Grade

SCRIPTURE

In the beginning when God created the heavens and earth. Genesis 1:1.

The God who made the world and all that is in it, the Lord of heaven and earth. Acts 17:24

STANDARD

Students will investigate settlement patterns to draw conclusions about a sense of place, first in Kansas, and then in relation to five geographic regions in the United States. Students will compare and contrast the Kansa with one prominent tribe from each of five geographic regions in the United States in the context of their geographic, cultural, political, and social characteristics. Then students will recognize and evaluate the importance of a prominent immigrant group to Kansas. They will examine the causes and consequences of the immigrant group's choice of settlement location, investigate its economic, cultural and faith contributions to Kansas, and compare that Kansas settlements (Catholic Communities) with immigrant settlements in other regions of the United States. Students will investigate the human characteristics of Kansas and regions of the United States, such as languages, customs, faith traditions, Catholic practices, economic activities, and food.

Students will learn how to use geographic tools and location to analyze the influence of physical features on decision-making. Students will use maps, graphic representations, tools, and technologies to locate, use, and present information about people, places, and environments. This will encourage the discovery of the beauty of God's creations. They will identify major landforms and bodies of water in Kansas, regions of the United States, and the world. Students will identify and compare the climate and ecosystems of eastern to western Kansas and to the regions of the United States. They will draw conclusions about the conditions that determine the location of human activities, such as population centers, resources, and transportation. Students will analyze natural resource challenges and draw conclusions about the solutions people have developed as they use renewable and non-renewable resources. With the support of the Book of Genesis students will be reminded of God's role as creator of heaven and earth.

EXAMPLES

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- 1. Why do people choose to leave their homeland to move to Kansas/another region in the United States and what are the consequences? (Standard 1)
- 2. How do people decide who has the right to use renewable and non-renewable natural resources? (Standard 2)
- 3. Why is the population of Kansas and the United States so diverse? (Standard 3)
- 4. How has the population of Kansas and the United States changed over time? (Standard 4)
- 5. How does the physical environment influence the way people live? (Standard 5)

- 6. How has the influence of the Catholic Church, religious orders, and missionaries helped shape the population of Kansas? (Standard 5)
- 7. Critique the delightful and wondrous characteristics of the five regions of the United States. (Standard 5)

VOCABULARY

IDEAS

- 1. Customs
- 2. Culture
- 3. Climate
- 4. Latitude
- 5. Longitude
- 6. Absolute location
- 7. Migration
- 8. Immigration

PEOPLE/ROLE

- 1. Kansa
- 2. Kansas immigrant groups (e.g., African-American, Cambodian, Croatian, Czechoslovakian, English, French, German, German-Russian, Laotian, Mexican, Serbian, Swedish, Vietnamese)

PLACES/INSTITUTION

- 1. Political (e.g., state lines, boundaries, capitals) v. physical features (e.g., mountains, plains, rivers)
- 2. Ecosystems

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Read various types of maps for grid systems, symbols, legends, scales, compass rose, cardinal directions, longitude, latitude, and hemisphere.
- 2. Use data source as a tool (graphs, charts, tables)
- 3. Find absolute and relative location.
- 4. Demonstrate mental mapping skills.
- 5. Map Jesus's journey through the Holy Land.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Economics Fourth Grade

SCRIPTURE

Jesus said "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." Matthew 22:21

Give us today our daily bread.... Matthew 6:11

STANDARD

Students will recognize and evaluate how limited resources require choices. They will analyze the concepts of opportunity cost and cost-benefit in the context of choices made in Kansas and another region and draw conclusions about these choices. The students will then evaluate if these choices are balanced and aligned with the Catholic worldview and values. Students will examine how natural, capital, and human resources are used in the production of goods and services. They will analyze the roles of consumer, producer, saver, investor, and entrepreneur. Students will examine the reasons for economic specialization and how that leads to trade between regions of the United States. They will trace the production, distribution, and consumption of a particular good in the state and regions. Students will describe how a market economy works in the United States and consider the role of the government in the market economy.

EXAMPLES

Literature: Twenty and Ten by Claire Hutchett Bishop

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- 1. How does the availability of natural resources result in different economic choices across Kansas and regions of the United States? (Standard 1)
- 2. What are the rights and responsibilities of workers to employers and vice versa? (Standard 2)
- 3. Why do Kansas and the United States have a market economy? (Standard 3)
- 4. How does following the Cardinal virtues (Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance) help create a successful economy? (Standard 3)
- 5. How has the production of goods and services changed in Kansas over time? (Standard 4)
- 6. How do goods produced in Kansas impact the lives of people in other regions of the United States? (Standard 5)

VOCABULARY

IDEAS

- 1. Supply and demand
- 2. Economic specialization
- 3. Market economy
- 4. Opportunity cost
- 5. Scarcity
- 6. Choices
- 7. Trade
- 8. Resources (natural, capital, human)
- 9. Goods
- 10. Services

11. Almsgiving

PEOPLE/ROLES

- 1. Consumer
- 2. Producer
- 3. Saver
- 4. Investor
- 5. Entrepreneur

PLACES/INSTITUTION

- 1. Kansas
- 2. Regions (Northeast, Plains, Southeast, West, Northwest)
- 3. Catholic Charities

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Explain the production, distribution, and consumption of a product.
- 2. Determine opportunity cost decisions in different regions.
- 3. Define characteristics of a market economy (e.g., private property rights, voluntary exchange, and competition among buyers and sellers).
- 4. Define goods, services, consumers, economy, cost/benefit.
- 5. Explore the impact of Catholic Community Service Institutions on a region's economy (Food Banks, hospitals, shelters, schools etc...)
- 6. Identify ways a student could contribute their time, treasure, and talents to the Catholic Church.

	HISTORY	
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SCRIPTURE

May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; and may he not forsake us nor cast us off. 1 Kings 8:57

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.

Revelations 22:13

STANDARD

Students will recognize and evaluate the significant people, events, and the Catholic Church that shaped Kansas and the other regions. They will analyze how these people and events contributed to the way Kansas and other regions are perceived and function today. Students will understand the motivation and accomplishments of notable Kansans and notable people in other regions, particularly early explorers, entrepreneurs, missionaries, saints, leaders in the Church, religious orders, civic and cultural leaders. They will analyze the impact of the Oregon-California Trail, Santa Fe Trail, and the Pony Express Route on continuity and change in the United States and compare these routes with transportation routes in other regions of the country.

EXAMPLES

Literature: The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

- 1. What choices did travelers make as they prepared for trail travel and what were the consequences? (Standard 1)
- 2. What are the responsibilities of explorers and missionaries.?(Standard 2)
- 3. Why do countries make the decision to explore? (Standard 3)
- 4. How have famous Kansans changed our society? (Standard 4)
- 5. What are the human consequences of using or living by transportation routes in the 1800s? (Standard 5)
- 6. How did the missionaries, saints, and religious orders help shape different communities in the five regions of the United States?(Standard 5)

VOCABULARY

IDEAS

- 1. Transportation systems
- 2. Migration
- 3. Communication systems
- 4. Commerce

PEOPLE/ROLES

- 1. Civic and cultural leaders (e.g., Black Bear Bosin, Charles Curtis, Robert Dole, Wyatt Earp, Amelia Earhart, Dwight Eisenhower, Langston Hughes, Alf Landon, Carry A. Nation, Gordon Parks, William Allen White)
- 2. Explorers (e.g., Francisco Coronado, Juan De Padilla, Lewis and Clark, Stephen H. Long, Zebulon Pike)
- 3. Entrepreneurs (e.g., George Washington Carver, Clyde Cessna, Walter Chrysler)
- 4. American saints (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Neumann, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Benedict, St. Scholastica etc...)
- 5. Religious communities (Sisters of Charity, Ursulines, Benedictines, etc...)

PLACES/INSTITUTIONS

- 1. Regions of the United States (e.g., Midwest, Northeast, Southeast, West, Northwest)
- Kansas
- 3. Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas (all diocese of Kansas)

EVENTS

- 1. Oregon-California Trail
- 2. Santa Fe Trail
- 3. Pony Express

ACTIVITIES

- 1. Recognize source and context for primary sources.
- 2. Refer to details and examples in a text, including scripture, grade-level saint biographies and parables, when explaining what the text says explicitly and when drawing inferences from the text. (4.R.1)
- 3. Explain events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text. (4.R.3)

- 4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases, general academic and domain-specific words or phrases, scriptural words and faith-based terms, as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters found in mythology. (4.R.4)
- 5. Describe the overall structure (EXAMPLES: chronology, comparison, cause/effect, problem/solution) of events, ideas, concepts, or information in a text including scripture or part of a text. (4.R.5)
- 6. Compare and contrast the point of view from which different stories are narrated, including the difference between first- and third-person narrations firsthand and secondhand account of the same event or topic; describe the differences in focus and the information provided. (4.R6)
- 7. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. (4.W.2)
- 8. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research. (4.W.9) 12. Report on a topic or text, tell a story, or recount an experience in an organized manner, using appropriate facts and relevant, descriptive details to support main ideas or themes; speak clearly at an understandable pace. (4.SL.4)
- 9. Examine the Catholic Church's influence in building the beauty and goodness of Kansas and other regions.