

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Social Studies**  
**PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance**

Bundle	<i>Title</i> Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	Guiding Questions
1	<b><i>Citizenship and Community</i></b> Good citizens work together to make themselves and their community better.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How am I a good citizen?</li> <li>▪ How do rules keep us safe?</li> <li>▪ How can I work with others to make myself and my community better?</li> </ul>
2	<b><i>Communities (cont.) / Geography</i></b> Through the government, people provide services to improve life in the community. Maps show us connections to and characteristics of other places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Who helped build our community?</li> <li>▪ What services does our government provide? Why?</li> <li>▪ How are different areas of your community similar and different, especially in terms of rural, urban, and suburban?</li> </ul>
3	<b><i>Geography (cont.) / Landmarks</i></b> People can make and use maps to understand their world and themselves within it. We use geography to make connections and find patterns.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do we have different kinds of maps?</li> <li>▪ Why do people preserve landmarks?</li> <li>▪ How do landmarks bring us together as a community, state, and nation?</li> </ul>
4	<b><i>Government and Elections</i></b> American citizens and the leaders they elect have rights and responsibilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How does the government take care of people and property?</li> <li>▪ How should citizens participate in their government?</li> </ul>
5	<b><i>Thanksgiving</i></b> America is a land of immigrants who have come from many different cultures with unique customs, traditions, and languages. Throughout history, people have been willing to take risks and face many hardships by moving someplace new in hope of having a better life.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What events led to the first Thanksgiving?</li> <li>▪ Why do we still celebrate Thanksgiving and how is it different from the first celebration?</li> <li>▪ How does the physical environment shape how people live?</li> </ul>
6	<b><i>Past and Present</i></b> History is the study of change over time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How are people today the same and different as people who lived long ago?</li> <li>▪ How can studying the past help us understand the present world and work to improve the future?</li> <li>▪ Is the world today a better place than the world of the past?</li> </ul>
7	<b><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. / Inventors</i></b> Our lives are better today because of the hard work, inventiveness, and risks taken by people in the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What events and people influenced Martin Luther King, Jr. to become a leader in civil rights?</li> <li>▪ How did Martin Luther King, Jr. change the world?</li> <li>▪ What inventions have had the greatest impact on our lives? Why?</li> <li>▪ What role does failure play in achieving success?</li> </ul>
8	<b><i>Black History / Presidents</i></b> In the history of the U.S., not all groups of people have been treated fairly and equally, but brave people have worked hard to bring equal rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Why do we have a Black History month?</li> <li>▪ How have different Americans used their creativity and responsibility for the common good to make the U.S. a better place?</li> <li>▪ How do Presidents shape our nation?</li> </ul>

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	to everyone.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do symbols honor Presidents and reflect Americans' love of inventiveness and freedom?</li> </ul>
9	<p><b><i>Texas</i></b>            Our state has unique symbols, history, and contributions by historical people which shape who we are today.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do symbols of Texas reflect our history and culture?</li> <li>▪ What can we learn from local museums about our local culture and heritage?</li> <li>▪ How do symbols, celebrations and customs bring us together?</li> <li>▪ How have historical people helped shape our state?</li> </ul>
10	<p><b><i>Texas (cont.) / Interacting with Our Environment</i></b>            Local works of art; including writing, painting, and music; give beauty and an identity to our community.            We depend on our environment to meet our needs, so we must care for the environment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How do local works of art contribute to our community?</li> <li>▪ What does our city do to protect the environment?</li> <li>▪ What can each of us do to protect the environment?</li> <li>▪ How do humans use and modify the physical environment?</li> </ul>
11	<p><b><i>Economics</i></b>            In a free enterprise system, people can be both producers and consumers who make their own choices about what to buy and sell.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What choices can people make about spending, earning, and saving money?</li> <li>▪ How do consumers and producers depend on each other?</li> </ul>
12	<p><b><i>Economics (cont.) / Summer Celebrations</i></b>            Developing a product from a natural resource to a finished product requires many steps and specialized jobs.            Customs, symbols, and celebrations reflect an American love of independence, individualism, and freedom.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What is the process of developing a product from a natural resource from beginning to end?</li> <li>▪ How do American celebrations and symbols reflect what Americans think is important?</li> <li>▪ Why and how do we honor our veterans?</li> </ul>