

3rd Grade Social Studies
PISD Curriculum: Year at a Glance

Bundle	Title Big Ideas/Enduring Understandings	Guiding Questions
1	<p><i>You and Your Communities</i> People throughout the world as well as throughout time have connections to and similarities with each other.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How am I connected to people and places throughout the world? ▪ How does where someone lives affect who they are? ▪ How do I locate and use maps to find places and learn more about myself and others?
2	<p><i>How People Interact with their Physical Environments in the Past and Present</i> People who lived in the past are similar to us in how they tried to change or adapt to the environment to provide for basic human needs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How and why have people in modern times adapted to and modified their physical environments? ▪ How and why have people in ancient times adapted to and modified their physical environments? ▪ How does the physical environment affect our culture, in ancient times and the present?
3	<p><i>People Build Community Through Sports and Education</i> People help form communities by building ways and places for people to come together for education and recreation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How have athletic events and arenas brought communities, past and present, together? ▪ How has education brought communities, past and present, together? ▪ Why is education important to a community, past and present? ▪ What happens in schools and athletic arenas (buildings) besides education and athletics?
4	<p><i>People Create Governments to Keep Communities Safe and Orderly</i> Throughout time, people have created governments to stay safe and to make sure they work well together.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are similarities and differences in the purpose of governments in the past? ▪ Where did some of our ideas for democracy come from? ▪ What services have governments given to communities in the past?
5	<p><i>Our Government</i> As members of our community, we have rights and responsibilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why do we have governments? ▪ Who works in the government and how do they get their jobs? ▪ What does the government do for us? ▪ What do we do to support the government?
6	<p><i>Communities Come Together Through Celebrations</i> Celebrations are fun, they bring our community together, and they help us understand ourselves.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are the world's five major religions and where are they practiced? ▪ What are similarities and differences among different celebrations? ▪ Why are some celebrations only in the United States? ▪ How do celebrations help us come together and learn more about ourselves and each other?
7	<p><i>Communities Come Together Through Art and Literature</i> A country's art and literature can show us the physical environment, what the community thinks is beautiful and important, and how the people will</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Where do we see the physical environment in a country or culture's art and literature? ▪ What can music tell us about a country or culture? Clothing? Art? Folktales? ▪ Why do people have different languages?

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	behave in a situation.	
8	<i>We are Good Citizens</i> I am a good citizen when I improve myself and my community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why do we need a Black History month? ▪ What are similarities and differences among various good citizens? ▪ Who are good citizens in our school? Our community? ▪ How do good citizens help themselves while they are helping others? ▪ What have you seen businesses do to support students in PISD? ▪ What have individuals and groups done to improve their community?
9	<i>Nonfiction Heroes Build Community – Lewis and Clark Expedition</i> The Lewis and Clark expedition showed the U.S. the incredible land they had purchased and led to the U.S. becoming a large nation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What did the Lewis and Clark expedition accomplish? ▪ Who help Lewis and Clark? How? ▪ How did the Lewis and Clark expedition lead to big changes in the United States?
10	<i>Fictional Heroes Build Community</i> Fictional heroes can show us what is important to a community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What can a fictional hero show us about the community that tells the story?
11	<i>Entrepreneurs</i> The U.S. has a free enterprise system which means people make their own choices about what to buy and sell.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why do many people choose to be entrepreneurs? ▪ What is the free enterprise system? ▪ How do businesses operate in a free enterprise system?
12	<i>Title</i> Inventions have changed how we live our lives and meet our wants and needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How have inventions changed how we live our lives and meet our wants and needs?