Apportioned Social Studies Curriculum Grade Four

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SUBJECT: SOCIAL STUDIES

TERM: ONE

GRADE: FOUR

THEME: PEOPLE, PLACES AND ENVIRONMENTS

TOPIC	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES	ASSESSMENT	DURATION
Location and Description	Use legends to find information from maps and present	Performance Tasks	
Where is St. Lucia?	information on maps.		
What does St. Lucia look like?	Locate places and describe the location of places using cardinal directions.		
	Recognize a map of St. Lucia.		
	Identify the country on a large map of the Caribbean.		Two weeks
	Use directions (cardinal points) and distances (lines of Longitude and Latitude) to locate their country in relation to neighboring water bodies and land masses.		(six Lessons)
	Name and locate the major settlements on a map.	Performance Tasks	
	Describe the physical surroundings of the community.		
	Name and illustrate the physical features of the country.		
	Locate the physical features on a blank map.		

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	Locate on a map of St. Lucia some special features (including nature reserves and national parks).		
	Indicate the benefits of the physical features of a country.		
	Identify and differentiate among some of the main landforms (mountain, valleys, plateau, ridges, bays, beaches and peninsular) and water bodies found in St. Lucia.		
	Identify the uses to which the people of St. Lucia put the various land forms.		
	Give the general description of the topography of St. Lucia in one or two sentences.		
	Collect geographical information about their country.		
	Classify geographical information about their country.		
	Present in different forms geographical information about their country.		

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· ·	Graphically illustrate the major characteristics of the	Performance Tasks	One weeks	
Population of the country.	local population, size, composition, growth and distribution.	Performance Tasks	(three lessons)	
Effects of change in	Explain possible consequences of change in population			3

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characteristics.		
Give reasons why people sometimes move from one	Performance Tasks	
Classify and explain local weather features.		
Describe the climate of St. Lucia in terms of		
prevailing weather patterns		
(average temperature, seasons).		
Associate the prevailing weather patterns of certain		
times of the year with particular activities (e.g.		
planting and harvesting of certain crops, road repairs and sporting activities.)		
Simply explain the relationship between the climate		
and the type of clothing used, design of houses,		
leisure activities and the food crops grown.		
Give examples of how the weather affects the lives of		
people.		Two weeks
Indicate what human made changes have being made	Performance Tasks	
to the environment.		(Six lessons)
Use examples to illustrate the effect of landscape on		
	characteristics. Give reasons why people sometimes move from one area to settle in another. Illustrate the effect of migration on people. Classify and explain local weather features. Describe the climate of St. Lucia in terms of prevailing weather patterns (average temperature, seasons). Associate the prevailing weather patterns of certain times of the year with particular activities (e.g. planting and harvesting of certain crops, road repairs and sporting activities.) Simply explain the relationship between the climate and the type of clothing used, design of houses, leisure activities and the food crops grown. Give examples of how the weather affects the lives of people. Indicate what human made changes have being made to the environment.	characteristics. Give reasons why people sometimes move from one area to settle in another. Illustrate the effect of migration on people. Classify and explain local weather features. Describe the climate of St. Lucia in terms of prevailing weather patterns (average temperature, seasons). Associate the prevailing weather patterns of certain times of the year with particular activities (e.g., planting and harvesting of certain crops, road repairs and sporting activities.) Simply explain the relationship between the climate and the type of clothing used, design of houses, leisure activities and the food crops grown. Give examples of how the weather affects the lives of people. Indicate what human made changes have being made to the environment.

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	the type of economic activity.		
	Explain simply the effect of landscape on location of the human settlement and the design of buildings.		
	Recognize the relationship between landscape and the availability of infrastructure.		
	Identify some of the problems faced by people who settle on slopes, ridges and lowlands and make suggestions for reducing or addressing these problems.		
	Give examples of changes made to the natural landscape by man through deforestation, land reclamation and diversion of rivers.	Performance Tasks	
	Explain simply why humans attempt to make changes to the landscape.	Performance Tasks	Two weeks
	Identify major consequences (positive and negative) of manmade changes to the landscape.	Performance Tasks	(Six lessons)
	Give examples to show how natural forces such as wind and water in particular can significantly alter the		
	Identify ways in which human may be affected when natural forces change the landscape.		

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	Give examples of actions that have been taken to lessen the effects of natural forces on the landscape.		

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Resources	Demonstrate knowledge of the types and examples of resources. Explain the use and importance of local resources to the country. Identify major uses of land in St. Lucia (agriculture, housing, recreation, habitats commerce.)	Draw a concept map or web for the Concept of Resources. Create a scrap book to depict the various types and uses of resources. A scoring rubric can be used to grade the scarp book.	
	Simply explain why types of vegetation are found in particular areas of St. Lucia. Identify major uses of vegetation in St. Lucia (medicine, fuel, housing, furniture, craft making and guarding from erosion.	Draw a map of your community or country to show how individuals use resources.	
	Explain the importance of water to St. Lucia and St. Lucians. Explain and construct a simple version of the water	In groups, create a representation of the water cycle. Have a mini exhibition to display the finished pieces. A check list can be used to	

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Conservation of Recourses	cycle. Name natural and manmade forms of storage or passage of water in St. Lucia (river, lake, waterfall, mangrove., ground water) List ways in which the rivers in St. Lucia are important. Explain what a water catchment area is and its importance to the people of St. Lucia. Give examples to illustrate the importance of mangroves to St. Lucia.	grade the finished piece. The checklist/rating scale should factor in or take into account presentation, content, mechanics and organization. Observation of students and the use of a cooperative learning checklist/rating scale may be used as well to determine the level of participation of students.	
	Identify various ways in which the sea is important to St. Lucians. Simply explain the importance of Coral reefs.	Oral questioning and a worksheet at the end of each lesson or unit of work.	
	Identify some important relationships between and among natural resources. Use examples to illustrate the fragility of the island ecosystem. Suggest reasons for conserving the natural recourses.	Use of I learned statements at the end of each lesson. Retelling of facts learned during the lesson.	
	Propose a course of action for preserving the natural environment.	Create slogans, posters, poems, rhymes, jingles to state the importance of conservation.	

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	Describe the activities that decrease the water supply.		
	Give examples of human activities that pollute the	Create cartoon scripts to argue	
	water catchment areas and the rivers.	the laws related to conservation.	
	List ways in which St. Lucians misuse mangrove areas.		
	Give examples of common human activities that pollute	Write a letter to your neighbor	
	the sea and damage the coral reefs.	who always wastes water when	
	Identify possible consequences of wastage of water.	bathing telling him or her about the need to conserve water.	
	Identify possible consequences of pollution of rivers,		
	catchment areas and seas.		
	Identify possible consequences of deforestation.	Write up signs to show proper garbage disposal practices.	
	Identify possible consequences of filling and polluting		
	mangroves.		
	Use the word conservation correctly.	Crossword puzzle based on terms associated to resources and	
	Simply state laws related to conservation of each of	conservation.	
	the following: animal life, forests, rivers, coral reefs		
	and the sea.		
	Identify groups in St, Lucia that work towards the		
	environment and the work of each group.		
	Propose a list of actions that children can take to help		

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	conserve resources.		

THEME: CULTURE AND HERITAGE / TIME, CONTINUITY AND CHANGE

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	Identify the early groups of people who came to their	Draw a time line showing the order	
Early Settlers	country.	in which the early settles came to the Caribbean.	
	Explain, when, why and how they came.		
	Illustrate the ethnic, cultural and racial composition of	Choose a cultural event and write an expository paragraph explaining	
	the nation.	the nature of the event.	
Culture	Give examples of local and national languages, folktales	Have a cultural day in the class	
	and children's games and music.	that includes playing of traditional	
	Portray the culture, customs and way of life of the	games, story telling, co-operative work and folk dancing.	
	indigenous peoples of the nation.		
Heritage	Explain how the ethnic, cultural and racial composition	Oral presentation after a visit to the Folk Research Centre.	
	of their country is reflected in cultural events,		
	customs, folklore and festivals.		
	Explain the purpose and significance of such customs,		
	traditions and cultural celebrations in their country.		
	Explain the extent to which any of these customs are		

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	still present today.		
	Present information on the different ethnic groups in		
	the community and the nation.		
	Identify examples of historical sites and buildings in		
	the country.		
	Identify ways in which culture and customs have		
	changed in their country.		
	Explain why the local culture should be supported and		
	preserved.		
	Identify ways in which groups and institutions have		
	changed in the country over time.		

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