

Teaching Unit: **Maine - Geography, Economics & Natural Resources**

Essential Understandings

A map or globe is a representation of the geographical features of Earth.

The products, industry, and employment of a region are influenced by its geography and natural resources.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Students will

- name and locate the seven continents, four oceans, equator, and prime meridian on a world map or globe.
- use cardinal directions, map key, and scale on a map or globe.
- locate Maine's geographical regions, counties, major cities, rivers, and mountains on a map.
- understand that the physical features and natural resources of a region contribute to people's reasons for living and working there.
- understand the concept of supply and demand in the state of Maine

Teaching Unit: **Maine's Native Americans**

Essential Understandings

Native Americans have influenced our lives with their cultural traditions and contributions.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Students will:

- Learn about early Maine Native Americans and their culture
- Students will explore the tribes still in existence and how their traditions and culture influence us today

Teaching Unit: **Bill of Rights & Responsibilities**

Essential Understandings

Our country's government is based on democracy.

The U. S. Constitution and Bill of Rights were created to guide our government.

Sub Topic: **Intro to US Gov.**

Knowledge and Skills

Students will:

- understand that in a democracy citizens elect the leaders of their government
- learn about the creation of our country's Constitution
- understand the freedoms guaranteed by the first ten amendments, also known as the Bill of Rights.
- be aware that additional amendments were added to the Constitution

Teaching Unit: ***Maine People/Maine Events***

Essential Understandings

The impact of prominent Maine's citizens and major events helped to shape our state's heritage.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Students will:

- Learn about famous events in Maine history
- Research famous people from Maine and their contributions to Maine's history

Teaching Unit: ***State Government/Three Branches***

Essential Understandings

Our state government is made up of the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive branches.

Laws are rules that are created by citizens.

Contributions from citizens effect our government.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Students will:

- Be able to name the three branches of government and describe the role of each branch.
- Have a basic understanding of how laws are made
- Understand how representatives are chosen

Teaching Unit: ***Interdependence***

Essential Understandings

Resources from all around the world are present in our daily lives today.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Students will

- understand the importance of maintaining positive relationships with other countries in order to access resources that are not available in the United States.
 - understand why many of our possessions are made in other countries.
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