

Social Studies Benchmarks

Grade 4

HISTORY

- Knows the history of the Bahamas from the Lucayans to the Loyalists.
- Knows that the Loyalists were responsible for establishing plantations.
- Appreciates that the Loyalists introduced many important social institutes to the Bahamas.
- Knows that the Loyalists left Americas because they wanted to be loyal to the queen of England.
- Knows that the Loyalists were responsible for establishing the Anglican churches, schools, written law, parliament, police force and newspapers in The Bahamas.
- Knows that slaves were bought to the Bahamas by the middle passage.

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

- Knows the important use of legends, keys and the eight-point compass.
- Knows that the Tropic of Cancer passes through Exuma and Long Island.
- Knows that we live in the Northern Hemisphere.
- Knows the location of Little and Great Bahama Bank.
- Understands the use and significance of the Little and Great Bahama Banks to the Bahamas.
- Knows the group of islands that make up the Southeastern Bahamas.
- Appreciate the uniqueness of the Southeastern Islands of The Bahamas.

CIVICS & GOVERNMENT

- Knows all Governor Generals and Prime Ministers to present time.
- Knows the current minister responsible for Youth, Sports and Culture.
- Knows that Her Majesty's Prison, the Simpson Penn School for Boys and the Willimae Pratt School for Girls are correctional institutions and understand their purpose.
- Appreciates the rights and responsibilities of a citizen of The Bahamas.
- Understands that all communities have conflicts and have knowledge of current conflicts in The Bahamas.

ECONOMICS & RESOURCES

- Knows the food products produced and manufactured in The Bahamas and the reasons for these industries.
- Appreciates the benefits of tourism in The Bahamas and knows the contribution of Sir Stafford Sands.
- Appreciates the importance of international transportation in The Bahamas.
- Knows the economic impact of farming and migration in The Bahamas.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

- Knows Bahamian surnames associated with the different islands.
- Appreciates Bahamian national symbols and shows patriotism.
- Understands the significance of the Bahamian Coat of Arms, the meaning of the Pledge and National Anthem.
- Appreciates the contributions of Joseph Spence, Blind Blake, Alton Lowe and Bahamian swimmers as nation builders.
- Knows the instruments used in Junkanoo and the method of making costumes.
- Knows the importance of Labor Day, Whit Monday, Regattas, Home Comings and Festivals.
- Appreciates the differences in Bahamian dishes.
- Knows native bush in The Bahamas used to beautify our surroundings.

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Grade 5

HISTORY

- Knows the Chronological orders of Bahamian history from Lucayans to Slavery.
- Knows that the slaves in The Bahamas were emancipated on August 1834.
- Appreciate the contributions made by early settlers in The Bahamas.
- Understands how the Bahamas benefited from illegal activities such as piracy, wrecking, blockade and bootlegging.
- Knows that there are many religious denominations in The Bahamas.

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

- Knows the importance of the Prime Meridian
- Understands latitude and longitude lines.
- Understands/knows the spatial organization of The Bahamas to such concepts such as location, distance, scale, movement and region.
- Appreciates the geographical uniqueness of the makeup of the Bahamas

CIVICS & GOVERNMENT

- Knows the titles of national security leaders: commodore, commissioner, superintendent.
- Knows the process of law making in The Bahamas.
- Knows that we were once British citizens.
- Knows the meaning of CARICOM and CHOGM and their role.
- Understand conflicts, cooperation and interdependence among members in regional organizations.
- Appreciates the relationship between regional organizations.

ECONOMICS & RESOURCES

- Knows the products produced and manufactured in The Bahamas.
- Knows the difference between domestic and international tourists.
- Appreciates the Container Port as an economic boast for The Bahamas.
- Understand the importance of managing our resources properly for the benefit of The Bahamian economy.
- Knows the marine resources harvested and sold.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

- Understands the connection between Caribbean and Bahamian surnames.
- Appreciates being a proud Bahamian.
- Understands the different elements and symbols have different meanings.
- Appreciates the contribution of Phil Stubbs, Pat Rahming, Antonio Roberts, Steve Burros and Bahamian sloop sailors as nation builders.
- Understand that revenue is now derived from Junkanoo.
- Appreciates the significance of Gambier and Fox Hill Day.
- Appreciates the differences of various cultures locally and regionally.
- Knows native bush used for common ailments in The Bahamas.

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Grade 6

HISTORY

- Knows the history of The Bahamas from the Lucayan to the present.
- Understands what life was like for Bahamian families of persons working on the project.
- Knows that the Contract and the Project are one and the same.
- Appreciates the events of Majority Rule and how the events changed in The Bahamas.
- Knows the events that led to the Burma Road Riot.
- Knows that many Bahamian traditions came from Africa.

GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENT

- Knows the location of the International Dateline at 180-degree longitude.
- Knows the major settlement of islands in The Bahamas.
- Knows the difference between political and physical maps.
- Knows all continents and their location.
- Appreciates that the geographical composition of The Bahamas is different from most countries in the world.

CIVICS & GOVERNMENT

- Knows all Governor Generals to present.
- Appreciates the fact that there are different types of leaders around the world.
- Knows the current leaders in all ministries.
- Knows the judicial, legislative and executive branches of government.
- Knows and understand who a citizen of The Bahamas is.
- Understands that the United Nations deal with world conflicts.

ECONOMICS & RESOURCES

- Knows items manufactured in The Bahamas.
- Appreciates the importance of manufacturing in The Bahamas.
- Appreciates special interest tourists.
- Understands how transportation is linked to communication.
- Appreciates humans as a resource.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

- Appreciates the differences in families and how they affect societies.
- Evaluate aspects of The Bahamian culture.
- Understands the different aspects of Bahamian culture.
- Appreciates that all nations have national symbols.
- Appreciates the contribution of Tony McKay, Jackson Burnside, Stanley Burnside and Bahamian tennis and cricket players as nation builders.
- Knows that cricket is the national sport of The Bahamas.
- Appreciates that Junkanoo is a part of the wider world.
- Knows and understands the difference between national and international holidays.
- Appreciates traditional celebrations and the importance of keeping them.
- Knows native bush used for chronic diseases in The Bahamas.