

Social Studies 3 Vocabulary Cards



**century**

History 1



**period of 100 years**



**chronological**

History 1



**in order of time**

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**decade**

History 1



**period of 10 years**



**timeline**

History 1



**list of important events in the order in  
which they happened**



**year**

History 1



**period of 365 or 366 days, divided into  
12 months**



**artifact**

History 2



**material object of a culture, such as a  
tool, an article of clothing or a  
prepared food**



## **primary source**

History 2



**records of events as they are first described, usually by witnesses or by people who were involved in the event**



**architecture**

History 3



**method or style of building**





**business**

History 3



**store, company, or factory that makes,  
buys, or sells goods or provides  
services in exchange for money**



**employment**

History 3



**number of people who have jobs in a particular place or area**



**physical feature**

History 3



**landforms and climate of a region**



**recreation**

History 3



**something people do to relax or have  
fun**



**religion**

History 3



**system of beliefs, ceremonies, and  
rules used to worship a god or a group  
of gods**



**technology**

History 3



**use of science to invent useful things  
or to solve problems**



**transportation**

History 3



**moving people or things from place to  
place**



**absolute location**

Geography 4



**where something can be found using  
a grid**





**alphanumeric grid**

Geography 4



**grid in which each cell is identified by  
both a letter and a number**



**cardinal directions**

Geography 4



**north, south, east and west shown on a  
map**



**intermediate directions**

Geography 4



**direction in the middle of two cardinal  
directions such as northeast or  
southwest**



**key**

Geography 4



**box that tells what the symbols on a map mean**



## **physical map**

Geography 4



**map that shows the landforms and  
climate of a region**



**political map**

Geography 4



**map that shows the boundaries of a  
region**



## **relative location**

Geography 4



**where something can be found in  
relation to another place**



**agriculture**

Geography 5



**farming**





**industry**

Geography 5



**making products by using machines  
and factories**



**natural resource**

Geography 5



**useful materials that come from the  
earth**



**environment**

Geography 6



**conditions that surround someone or something**



**modification**

Geography 6



**change in something**



**communication**

Geography 7



**sharing of information or news**



## **cultural diversity**

Geography 8



**having people who are different races  
or who have different cultures in a  
community**



**cultural group**

Geography 8



**group of people who share one or more unique characteristics such as race, national origin and ethnicity**



## **social and political responsibilities**

Government 9



**respecting the rights of others, being informed about local issues, paying taxes, voting and obeying laws**





**common good**

Government 10



**for the benefit of all people in a  
community or group**



**law**

Government 11



**rule established by the government to describe how people are expected to behave**



## **public services**

Government 11



**something that is done to help people  
rather than to make a profit, such as  
police and fire protection**



**security**

Government 11



**being protected or safe from harm**



**county**

Government 13



**area of a state that is larger than a city  
and has its own government**



**municipal**

Government 13



**city or town government**



**township**

Government 13



**unit of local government that is part of  
a larger county**



**data**

Economics 14



**body of information, facts, statistics**





## **line graph**

Economics 14



**displays data that shows changes over  
time**



**variable**

Economics 14



**something that changes or that can  
be changed**



**x-axis**

Economics 14



**horizontal line in a graph**



**y-axis**

Economics 14



**vertical line in a graph**



**negative incentive**

Economics 15



**penalize (punish) people for making  
certain choices and behaving in a  
certain way**



**positive incentive**

Economics 15



**reward people for making certain  
choices and behaving in a certain  
way**



## **opportunity cost**

Economics 16



**what you have to give up when you choose to buy one thing over another**



**scarcity**

Economics 16



**not enough of something to meet  
people's wants and needs**





**consumer**

Economics 17



**people who use goods and services to  
satisfy their personal needs**



**goods**

Economics 17



**objects that are capable of satisfying  
people's wants**



**producer**

Economics 17



**people and businesses that use  
resources to make goods and services**



**services**

Economics 17



**actions that are capable of satisfying  
people's wants**



**market**

Economics 18



**where buyers and sellers exchange  
goods and services**



**benefits**

Economics 19



**received as an improvement or  
advantage as the result of the decision**



**costs**

Economics 19



**alternative given up as the result of a  
decision**



**budget**

Economics 20



**plan that helps individuals take  
personal responsibility for financial  
decisions**