

The following instructional plan is part of a GaDOE collection of Unit Frameworks, Performance Tasks, examples of Student Work, and Teacher Commentary for First Grade Social Studies.

UNIT 3 – A Changing Country

Elaborated Unit Focus

In this unit, students will study several historical figures and their contributions to American history and culture, using the theme of *individuals*, *groups*, *and institutions*. As these figures were prominent during a time of growth and change in our country, the themes of *location* and *time*, *change*, *and continuity* will help students understand the importance of place in people's lives, as well as patterns that occur throughout history. Finally, students will use the theme of *scarcity* to understand why the historical figures under study made the choices that they made.

Standards/Elements

SS1H1 The student will read about and describe the life of historical figures in American history.

- a. Identify the contributions made by these figures: Benjamin Franklin (inventor/author/statesman), Thomas Jefferson (Declaration of Independence),
 Meriwether Lewis and William Clark with Sacagawea (exploration), Harriet
 Tubman (Underground Railroad), Theodore Roosevelt (National Parks and the
 environment), George Washington Carver (science).
- b. Describe how everyday life of these historical figures is similar to and different from everyday life in the present (food, clothing, homes, transportation, communication, recreation).

SS1CG1 The student will describe how the historical figures in SS1H1a display positive character traits of fairness, respect for others, respect for the environment, conservation, courage, equality, tolerance, perseverance, and commitment.

SS1G1 The student will describe the cultural and geographic systems associated with the historical figures in SS1H1a.

SS1E2 The student will explain that people have to make choices about goods and services because of scarcity.

Enduring Understandings/Essential Questions

Individuals, Groups, and Institutions: The student will understand that the actions of individuals, groups, and/or institutions affect society through intended and unintended consequences.

K-5 EU: The student will understand that what people, groups, and institutions say and do can help or harm others whether they mean to or not.

- How can our choices help others?
- How can our choices hurt others?
- How did the contributions made by Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea, and Harriet Tubman help or hurt others?

Location: The student will understand that location affects a society's economy, culture, and development.



K-5 EU: The student will understand that where people live matters.

- How does our community affect our daily lives?
- How would our lives be different if we lived in another part of Georgia?
- Why does where we live matter?
- How did where Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, and Harriet Tubman lived affect their daily lives?
- How would Harriet Tubman's life have been different if she lived in Georgia instead of Maryland?
- How did the culture of America affect the lives of the historical figures we are studying: Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, and Harriet Tubman?
- How did Sacagawea's knowledge of nature, people, and land help Lewis and Clark on their journey?
- Why is it important to know the cardinal and intermediate directions on a map?
- How do we use cardinal & intermediate directions while we are reading a map?

Scarcity: The student will understand that scarcity of all resources forces parties to make choices and that these choices always incur a cost.

K-5 EU: The student will understand that because people cannot have everything they want, they have to make choices.

- Why can we not have everything we want?
- Why did Thomas Jefferson write the Declaration of Independence?
- Why did Harriet Tubman choose to become a conductor on the Underground Railroad?
- In what ways did a lack of resources help or hurt Lewis and Clark while exploring?

Time, Change, and Continuity: The student will understand that while change occurs over time, there is continuity to the basic structure of that society.

K-5 EU: The student will understand that some things will change over time, while other things will stay the same.

- How is my life the same as Thomas Jefferson's, Lewis and Clark's, Sacagawea's, and Harriet Tubman's?
- How is my life different from Thomas Jefferson's, Lewis and Clark's, Sacagawea's, and Harriet Tubman's?



*NOTE: The balanced assessment plan included in this unit is presented as a series of suggested activities. It is not expected that the teacher complete all assessments for a successful unit.

Balanced Assessment Plan

After reading about Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea, and / or Harriet Tubman, the class will create a biopoem using the biopoem template. The biopoem will describe the historic figure's life, where he or she lived, and his or her character traits. Modifications- Peer paired arrangement Peer paired arrangement Type of Assessment SS1H1.a ELA1W1a,b,c,d j,m
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Use of books for reference
The class will read a Lewis and Clark and Sacagawea picture SS1H1.a Teacher
tradebook. As the class reads the book together they will record on a ELA1LSV1.a,b,c,d,e,f Observation
class chart the different people, places, and things Lewis, Clark, and
Sacagawea saw on their way to the Pacific Ocean. The teacher will
ask, "What did President Thomas Jefferson and the "Corps of
Discovery" (the people on the Lewis and Clark expedition) expect to
find in their travels? How does this compare to what they <i>did</i> find on
their travels?"
{The expedition believed they would find a water route across
America, a Northwest Passage. The explorers also thought they
would encounter woolly mammoths out west.} The teacher would
ask, "Why would a water route across America be useful to
Americans?" The class will also discuss the different Native
American nations the group met along their way to the Pacific
Ocean. After discussing the Lewis and Clark expedition, the students
will role play the Lewis and Clark expedition. The students will
include the geography (ex: mountains, deserts, valleys, plains,
plateaus, and the coast) Sacagawea, Meriwether Lewis and William
Clark would have seen while exploring the west; contributions they
made for our country (although they did not find woolly mammoths
or a Northwest Passage, they did collect reports of the neighboring
Native American tribes, and scientific information regarding plants,
animals, and terrain found in Louisiana Territory); and describe the
different cultures they encountered.
The cast of characters can include
Thomas Jefferson – the President of the United States.
Thomas Jefferson was Meriwether Lewis' neighbor in
Virginia. Jefferson bought the Louisiana Territory from
France for the United States. This purchase doubled the size
of America at the time.
Captain Meriwether Lewis – Thomas Jefferson's secretary
and leader of the expedition.
Captain William Clark – Clark was in the army when he met
Lewis. He was also a leader of the expedition.



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• Corps of Discovery team members – This is a group of more		
than 30 people on the expedition.		
Shoshone nation members – Sacagawea's Native American		
nation		
• Sacagawea – the only female member on the expedition. She		
translated, found acceptable food, and voted in group		
decisions. This was at a time when women did not have the		
right to vote, and reassured other Native American groups		
that the Lewis and Clark expedition was friendly because a		
women would not be a part of a war party.		
Modifications-		
Use of note cards to list facts		
Assistance with written work		
Check for understanding of directions		
Break down activity		
Monitor progress on activity		
After viewing the websites for:	SS1H1.b	Constructed
Harriet Tubman: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-	ELA1W1.d,e,j,k,l	Response
bin/page.cgi/aa/activists/tubman		
Sacagawea: http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-		
bin/page.cgi/es/nd/sacagwea_1		
Lewis and Clark http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-		
bin/page.cgi/aa/explorers/lewisandclark/shoshone_1		
Thomas Jefferson http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-		
bin/page.cgi/aa/jefferson		
and discussing each historical figure, the students will create		
everyday life <u>flipbooks</u> . The first flipbook will contain examples of		
food, clothing, and homes. The second flipbook will contain		
examples of transportation, communication, and recreation of the historical figure's time period and the student's life today. The		
students will confer with the teacher and discuss the similarities and		
differences of their everyday life with each historical figure's		
everyday life.		
Modifications-		
Use of references at hand to complete flipbook		
Assistance with cutting		
Assistance with illustrations		
Lined area for written work		
Dictation of written work		
Peer paired arrangement		
 Check for understanding of assignment 		
Break down activity		
After reading and discussing the historical figures, students will	СС1Ш1 о	Constructed
complete the historical figure concept map for each figure. The	SS1H1.a	Constructed
concept map will include new vocabulary / important words, a	ELA1W1.d,	Response
student drawing of the historical figure, why the historical figure is	ELA1R6.m	
important to our country, and his or her character traits.		
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Modifications-		
Reference material at hand-historical figure books		
Dictation of written material		
Assistance with illustrations-writing		
Check for understanding of directions-break them down		
Monitor progress on activity		
Teacher will introduce intermediate directions and review cardinal	Map Skills 1, 2	Teacher
directions with the students. Each student will have a blackline	_	Observation
master of the United States of America. The teacher will use the		
scenario cards for the students to correctly identify the areas of the		
map. Example: Place your finger on Virginia, home of Thomas		
Jefferson and Monticello. What state is directly north of Virginia?		
The students will place their finger on the location.		
Modifications-		
Peer paired arrangement		
 Use of visuals for direction words with corresponding 		
arrows to use at desk		
The students will view the website	SS1H1.b	Teacher
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/j2.html, read trade	SS1E2	Observation
books, and discuss Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.	SS1CG1	00001 (4001011
The class will create a list of possible modes of transportation for	ELA1R6.m	Class
Harriet Tubman and her "passengers" to escape to the north. For	ELA1LSV1.b,c,d,e,f	Discussion
example: horse and buggy, riding on a horse, walking, and boats.	ELAILS VI.b,c,d,e,i	Discussion
The class will discuss the best choice Harriet Tubman could have		
made based on the scarcity of goods and services (money, education		
level-reading ability, clothing options, food, and safety). Compare		
and contrast Harriet Tubman's life then to what her life would be		
like today. For example how would the transportation,		
communication, and clothing be the same and different? The		
students can use a simple T-chart organizer to do this.		
Modifications-		
Lined area for writing		
Dictation of written material		
Check for understanding of directions		
Divide the class into 4 groups. Give each group a picture of the	SS1H1a,b	Teacher
drinking gourd and the discussion questions. The drinking gourd	SS1CG1	Observation
picture can be found at the following website:	SS1G1	Obsci vation
http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-	SS1E2	Class
bin/query/r?ammem/fawbib:@field(DOCID+@lit(apc0050))	SSIEZ	
The discussion questions are:		Discussion
• What is this object?		
What is used for?		
Who used it?		
Do people still use it?		
What else can you tell me about this picture?		
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After the small groups discuss the first picture, the teacher will give the class a picture of the Big Dipper and ask the following discussion questions. (photograph of the Big Dipper)		



The discussion questions are		
What is this a picture of?		
What is this a picture of?What does this picture remind you of?		
What can you tell me about the picture?		
How is it similar to the first picture?		
 How is it different from the first picture? 		
After the groups have had time to review both pictures, tell the		
students what the actual pictures are and how they were used during		
Harriet Tubman's lifetime. Discuss how the drinking gourd and the		
Big Dipper helped the people on the Underground Railroad to		
freedom.		
Display the song Follow the Drinking Gourd on the board. Practice		
reciting and singing the song together as a class. The song can be		
found at www.followthedrinkinggourd.org under the recording		
section. After singing the song and visit the website		
http://quest.nasa.gov/ltc/special/mlk/gourd2.html for the explanation		
of the song Follow the Drinking Gourd, to discuss different symbols		
the people used on the Underground Railroad.		
The students will complete a class book illustrating the song Follow		
the Drinking Gourd. The class will be divided into four groups. The		
groups will illustrate the four verses of the song and discuss the		
connection between Harriet Tubman, the Underground Railroad, and		
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students. The class will discuss how we are similar to people in the		
past because we believe that all people are created equal and have		
the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.		
Divide the students into small groups and the students will list		
examples of how we follow what Thomas Jefferson wrote in the		
Declaration of Independence. The teacher will confer with the small		
groups as they are working together. After the students finish		
working in small groups, they will share their results with the class		
and watch the United Streaming video TLC: Elementary School		
Understanding Government: segment Values: Life, Liberty, and the		
Pursuit of happiness (6:37)		
United Streaming Video		
Modifications-		
 Check for understanding of assignment 		
 Monitor progress on activity 		
The class will add Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark with	Information	Teacher
Sacagawea, and Harriet Tubman to the classroom timeline. The	Processing Skills	Observation
teacher will include a picture of each historical figure and the	2, 7	
students will write or type a caption of the historical figure's	SS1H1.a	Class
important contribution to our country. The students will answer	SSIIII.a	Discussion
teacher created questions about the timeline.		Discussion
Modifications-		
 Use of visuals for reference 		
Dictation of written work		
Orally review with student information on each figure		



Sample Performance Task

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Goal and Role:

In cooperative groups students will create a newspaper that will act as a primary source about the historical contributions of Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea, or Harriet Tubman. Students should view local newspapers to see what types of articles and sections are included in each.

Pretend you are writers for a national newspaper called the *Changing Country Chronicles*. This newspaper informs the American public about events going on across our nation. As a group the students will choose Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea, or Harriet Tubman and write newspaper articles that describe his or her historical contributions to America. Your newspaper should include articles that discuss the culture, location, and time period of your historical figure. It can include pictures, diagrams, and captions, sections such as finance, want ads, and sports/recreation. {newspaper template included below}

Modifications-

- Peer paired arrangement
- Use of books, etc. for reference
- Dictation of written material
- Assistance with illustrations

Map and Globe Skills:	Information Processing Skills:
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Date _______ Changing Country Chronicles

Headline:		
Journalist:		
Article:		
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Date ______ Changing Country Chronicles

Headline: Journalist:
Article:



Changing Country Chronicles Classifieds

Wanted by Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea:
This item is needed by Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea because
Written by:
Picture of the item wanted by Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea
For Sale by Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea:
This item is for sale by Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea because
Written by:
Picture of the item for sale by Lewis and Clark with Sacagawea.



Changing Country Chronicles Classifieds Wanted by Harriet Tubman: _____ This item is needed by Harriet Tubman because Written by: Picture of the item wanted by Harriet Tubman For Sale by Harriet Tubman: _____ This item is for sale by Harriet Tubman because Written by: Picture of the item for sale by Harriet Tubman

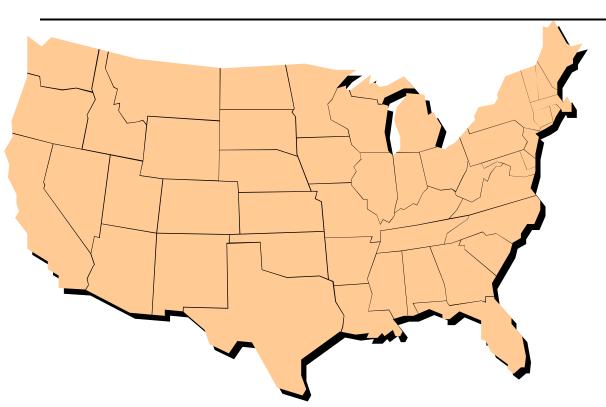


Changing Country Chronicles Classifieds Wanted by Thomas Jefferson: _____ This item is needed by Thomas Jefferson because Written by: Picture of the item wanted by Thomas Jefferson For Sale by Thomas Jefferson: _____ This item is for sale by Thomas Jefferson because Written by: Picture of the item for sale by Thomas Jefferson



Changing Country Chronicles Travel Section

Headline:		 	
Journalist:	 	 	
Article:			
	 	 	





Headline:	y Chronicles Sports and Recreation
Journalist:	Article:
Headline: Journalist: Article:	



Journalist:		
arriet Tubman	Article:	
Headline:		homas Jefferson
Journalist:		
Article:		



<u>Changing Country Chronicles</u> <u>Finance - Our Historical Leaders' Jobs</u>

Headline:	 	
Journalist:	 	
Lewis and Clark		
Headline:	Sacagawea	
Journalist:	Jacagawea	
Article:		
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<u>Changing Country Chronicles</u> <u>Finance - Our Historical Leaders' Jobs</u>

Headline: Journalist:				
Headline: Journalist: Article:				



Content Rubric for Performance Task

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<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Does Not Meet</u>	<u>Needs</u>	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard
T 1 1 1	C(1 (1	Improvement	C 41 1	T 11'4' 4 66 4 22
Explains the	Student incorrectly	Student explains	Correctly and	In addition to "meets,"
contributions	explains	contributions made	completely explains	student also explores
made by Thomas	contributions made	by Thomas	the contributions	beyond the required
Jefferson	by Thomas	Jefferson	made by Thomas	questions by explaining
(Declaration of	Jefferson	(Declaration of	Jefferson	how these individuals'
Independence),	(Declaration of	Independence),	(Declaration of	contribution(s) is/are
Lewis & Clark	Independence),	Lewis & Clark with	Independence),	remembered today.
with Sacagawea	Lewis & Clark with	Sacagawea	Lewis & Clark with	
(exploration for	Sacagawea	(exploration for	Sacagawea	
Louisiana	(exploration for	Louisiana	(exploration for	
Purchase), and	Louisiana	Purchase), and	Louisiana	
Harriet Tubman	Purchase), and	Harriet Tubman	Purchase), and	
(Underground	Harriet Tubman	(Underground	Harriet Tubman	
Railroad for	(Underground	Railroad for slaves).	(Underground	
slaves).	Railroad for slaves).		Railroad for slaves).	
Correctly	Incorrectly	Correctly describes	Correctly explains	Correctly explains how
describes how the	describes how the	the places where	how the places	the places where
places where	places where	Thomas Jefferson	where Thomas	Thomas Jefferson and
Thomas Jefferson	Thomas Jefferson	and Harriet Tubman	Jefferson and	Harriet Tubman lived
and Harriet	and Harriet Tubman	lived and the area	Harriet Tubman	and the area Lewis,
Tubman lived and	lived and the area	Lewis, Clark, &	lived and the area	Clark, & Sacagawea
the area Lewis,	Lewis, Clark, &	Sacagawea	Lewis, Clark, &	explored, affected how
Clark, &	Sacagawea	explored, but does	Sacagawea	the figures changed
Sacagawea	explored, affected	NOT describe how	explored, affected	America. Explores
explored, affected	how the figures	these locations	how the figures	beyond the required
how the figures	changed America.	affected how the	changed America.	questions by explaining
changed America.		figures changed	-	without prompting how
		America.		these places related to
				each other.
Correctly	Incorrectly	Correctly describes	Correctly describes	Correctly describes
describes how	describes how	either how everyday	how everyday life	how everyday life of
everyday life of	everyday life of	life of these	of these historical	these historical figures
these historical	these historical	historical figures is	figures is similar to	is similar to and
figures is similar to	figures is similar to	similar to or	and different from	different from everyday
and different from	and different from	different from	everyday life in the	life in the present
everyday life in the	everyday life in the	everyday life in the	present (food,	(food, clothing, homes,
present (food,	present (food,	present (food,	clothing, homes,	transportation,
clothing, homes,	clothing, homes,	clothing, homes,	transportation,	communication, and
transportation,	transportation,	transportation,	communication, and	recreation). Explores
communication,	communication, and	communication, and	recreation).	beyond the required
and recreation).	recreation).	recreation).	<i>'</i>	questions by explaining
,	<u> </u>	ĺ		how things in these
				historical figures' daily
				lives led them to
				change our nation.



Correctly explains	Makes incorrect	States that people	Correctly explains	Correctly explains
that people have to	statements related to	have to make	that people have to	that people have to
make choices	scarcity – that	choices because of	make choices about	make choices about
about goods and	people do not have	scarcity, but cannot	goods and services	goods and services
services because of	to make choices,	provide meaningful	because of scarcity.	because of scarcity.
scarcity.	that only some	examples or		Can give examples of
	people make	explanation.		how a people make
	choices, etc.			choices because of
				scarcity.

Product Rubric for Performance Task

<u>Criteria</u>	Does Not Meet	Needs	Meets	Exceeds
		Improvement	Expectation	Expectation
Students produce	Student's product	Student's product	Student's product	Student's product
a product that is	is incomplete.	is complete, but	is complete and	is complete,
complete and		mostly incorrect.	correct.	correct, and
correct.				includes additional
				information.
Students produce	The product has 5	The product has 4	The product has 3	The product has no
a product is free	or more errors are	misspellings and/or	or fewer	misspellings and
from spelling and	spelling and/or	grammatical errors.	misspellings and/or	grammatical errors.
grammatical	grammar.		grammatical errors.	
errors.				



Resources for Unit

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/activists/tubman

Harriet Tubman- This Library of Congress website includes a timeline, pictures, and stories about Harriet Tubman.

http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/search/assetDetail.cfm?guidAssetID=1B1523CD-0DD4-4CDE-A06B-1301419EFBCE

Harriet Tubman – The video Animated Hero Classics: Harriet Tubman is found on United Streaming.

Picture of a drinking gourd

http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/fawbib:@field(DOCID+@lit(apc0050))

First American West: The Ohio River Valley, 1750-1820, Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library.

Follow the drinking gourd information and recordings www.followthedrinkinggour.org

Follow the Drinking Gourd

http://quest.nasa.gov/ltc/special/mlk/gourd2.html

Explanation to the song Follow the Drinking Gourd

http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/j2.html

The students will take the part of someone escaping enslavement. The students will read about Harriet Tubman and must make decisions along their way to freedom.

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/jefferson

Thomas Jefferson – This Library of Congress website includes a timeline, pictures, and stories about Thomas Jefferson.

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/es/nd/sacagwea_1

Sacagawea – This Library of Congress website includes the story of Sacagawea and a picture of the Hidatsa chief, Lean Wolf.

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/explorers/lewisandclark/shoshone_1
Lewis and Clark – this Library of Congress website includes a timeline, pictures, and stories about Lewis and Clark.

Declaration of Independence

http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration.html

A photograph of the Declaration of Independence and information about Thomas Jefferson writing the Declaration of Independence.



Thomas Jefferson and the Declaration of Independence United Streaming video (5:07)

http://streaming.discoveryeducation.com/search/assetDetail.cfm?guidAssetID=61E0FF49-D123-4D42-B822-19C4A910329F

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Biopoem Directions

- Line 1: Person's first name
- Line 2: Four words that describes your historical figure (adjectives)
- Line 3: Loves ... (three ideas or people)
- Line 4: Who needs ... (three ideas)
- Line 5: Who gives ... (three ideas)
- Line 6: Who worries about ... (three ideas)
- Line 7: Resident of ...
- Line 8: His or her last name.



Date _____

Name _____

	Historic Figure C	oncept Map	
New Vocabulary Words / Important Words		Picture	
Why is the person important to our country?	Historical Figure		acter traits



A Quest for Freedom

Directions: Compare and Contrast how Harriet Tubman and Thomas Jefferson's quests for freedom are similar and different.

