



Social Studies 4

Course Outline

Course Layout: *The course is broken down into units and organized using the Big Ideas as follows:*

Introductory Unit – Mapping Skills
Big Idea #1 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada – The Indigenous Peoples of Canada are a foundation of the Canadian Nation.
Big Idea #2 – Natural Resources – The pursuit of natural resources has played a key role in the shaping of Canada.
Big Idea #3 – The Explorers– The European Explorers brought knowledge that helped Canada become what it is today.
Big Idea #3 – The Fur Trade – Changes in North America created shifts in economic and political power.
Big Idea #4 – The Gold Rush – British Columbia followed a unique path in becoming part of Canada.

Grading: Your grade for this course will be calculated as follows:

Item	Weight
Learning Guides	50%
Projects	50%

Learning Guides: In the process of learning, you will be given opportunities to practice, make mistakes, and learn. These opportunities will be in your Learning Guide. Your home facilitator may help you and ask you to correct or expand on items in your Learning Guide. Always put your best effort into your *Learning Guide*; it will be marked on a rubric based on **Completeness**.

Resources: There is NO textbook required for this course.

Key to Success: Set a schedule so that you are working on social studies consistently. There should be no big gaps with the hope of catching up. This is VERY important! Sticking to a schedule is key for doing well.