

Christ Lutheran
Social Studies Curriculum

Grade Three

Theme: Continuity and Change

Goal: The student will learn about the many varied natural resources God has placed in our region. They will understand that American Indians and other settlers have used these resources and that their influence has shaped our culture, government, and economic systems. Students will see that God works in the lives of men and women to strengthen our country and secure our freedoms. A focus on citizenship in our classroom, community, and church will lead to an understanding of national rules and laws.

Objectives:

1. Students describe the physical and human geography and use maps, tables, graphs, photographs, and charts to organize information about people, places, and environments in a spatial context.
2. Students describe the American Indian nations in their local region long ago and in the recent past.
3. Students draw from historical and community resources to organize the sequence of local historical events and describe how each period of settlement left its mark on the land.
4. Students understand the role of rules and laws in our daily lives and the basic structure of the U.S. government.
5. Students demonstrate basic economic reasoning skills and an understanding of the economy of the local region.

Instructional Materials: Scott Foresman History Social-Science for California (2006), United Streaming Videos

Projects and field trips may include but are not limited to: Field Trip to Knott's Berry Farm, Field Trip to Oak Canyon Nature Center