

Grade 3 Vocabulary Study Guide Answer Key for Social Studies

Term	Definition
3-1	*****
river basin	the land area drained by a river and its tributaries
thematic map	a map related to a topic, theme or subject usually emphasizing a single topic such as crop yield, soil type, land ownership, or land use
migrate	move from one place to another with the intent of staying permanently or for a relatively long period of time
climate	the weather in a particular place or location
manufacturing	making products by using machines
agriculture	farming and raising livestock
natural resources	anything found in nature that is useful to people such as air, water, land, plants, animals, etc.
wetlands	swampy areas where plants and animals live and help clean the water
3-2	*****
explorer	one who actively looks for something new
colonize	settle in a territory belonging to or under the control of a nation
resistance	opposition; against

Term	Definition
geography	earth's climate, physical features, resources, and people
culture	way of life, customs, or traditions for a group of people
port	place where boats and ships dock or anchor safely
Lords Proprietors	eight friends of the king who were appointed to govern the colonies
export	send products to another country
indigo	plant which gives a bright blue dye color
3-3	*****
revolution	overthrow of one government and replaced by the choice of the governed
taxes	money that has to be paid to the government
rebel	fight against the people who are in charge
partisan warfare	fighting done by people in the countryside
governor	leader of a state
legislature	the branch of the government that makes or changes the laws
tariff	fees or charges on goods brought in from other countries

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constitution	a written plan for government
sales tax	tax paid when purchases are made
income tax	tax based on the amount of money a person earns through work
3-4	*****
elite	a social class that included plantation owners and those with money and political power
independence	state of being free
civil war	a war in which parties within the same culture, society or nationality fight against each other for the control of political power
secede	to withdraw from
abolitionist	a person who did not agree with slavery
agrarian	farming
states' rights	idea that states have the right to make decisions about issues that concern them
convention	a group of people gathered together for a common purpose
blockade	ships which prevent other ships from entering or leaving a harbor

Term	Definition
Union	term used for the North during the Civil War
Confederacy	term used for the South during the Civil War
plantation	very large farm that depended on slave labor
Underground Railroad	a group of people who worked together to help slaves escape from their masters
emancipate	to free
Black Codes	laws made to limit the freedoms of the newly freed slaves
Reconstruction	time after the Civil War when the states that had been part of the Confederacy rejoined the Union
amendment	change made to the Constitution
sharecropper	a person who does farm work on land owned by someone else and in return gets part of the land's profit
carpetbagger	Northerners who moved south after the war looking to make money
scalawag	Southerners who supported the North after the Civil War ended
ratify	approve
3-5	*****

Term	Definition
industry	use of factories and manufacturing
technology	use of new ideas to make tools that improve people's lives
textile	a woven fabric or cloth
economy	system for producing and distributing goods and services
tourism	when people travel and visit a place for fun
emigration	leaving one country or region to live in another
sanitation	process of making something free of dirt, disease, or other dangers to health
rural	the country or where there is farming
urban	the city
depression	prolonged and severe decline in the level of economic activity
civilian	person not in the military
conservation	protect and preserve natural resources
civil rights movement	the struggle by African Americans to gain equal rights

Term	Definition
civil rights	freedoms guaranteed to all United States citizens by the Constitution
desegregation	to bring together groups of people