

Grade 4 Vocabulary Study Guide Answer Key for Social Studies

Term	Definition
4-1	*****
political	having to do with the government
economics	the social science that deals with the making, distribution, and use of goods and services
technology	the use of new ideas to make tools that improve people’s lives
competition	a contest
nation-state	an independent country where the people share a common culture, history, and language
international	involving two or more countries around the world
navigation	the science of knowing how to get from one place to another
4-2	*****
culture	way of life, customs, or traditions for a group of people
interactions	relations, contacts, connections, exchanges
indentured servitude	a person who must work for another person for a specific period of time
Maroon settlement	communities made up of Native Americans and runaway slaves located usually in out-of-the-way places

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revolution	overthrow of one government and replaced by the choice of the governed
boycott	refuse to buy goods or use services
import	goods brought in from another country
export	goods sent out to other countries
tax	money people pay to the government for services
congress	a group of people who meet together for a specific purpose
tyranny	being under the absolute control of a cruel leader
militia	groups of men willing to fight that are not part of an army
alliance	partnership
constitution	a written plan of government
ordinance	a rule or law
latitude	imaginary lines that run east to west and divide the Earth into sections measured in degrees

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longitude	imaginary lines that run north to south and divide the Earth into sections measured in degrees
barter	trade
Parliament	group of lawmakers in England
4-4	*****
ratification	process for approving a law
limit	boundary, border, or edge
democracy	government where the people choose their leaders
citizen	a person who is a member of a country and has rights and protections under the law
4-5	*****
manifest destiny	sure to happen
acquisition	something gained
treaty	agreement between nations
legislation	law

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compromise	settlement of differences by blending ideas
annexation	something added or attached
unanimous	everyone agrees
4-6	*****
industrial	having to do with business
agricultural	having to do with farming and raising cattle
region	an area
sectionalism	the needs of one region are more important than the needs of the whole country
emancipate	make free
proclamation	a statement or declaration
physical environment	nonliving elements that surround something living