

4<sup>th</sup> GRADE

**WHAT IS A STATE?**

Washington State is one of 50 states that make up the United States of America.

<b>TOPICS</b> <i>EALR Correlation</i>	<b>KEY CONCEPTS</b>	<b>ESSENTIAL UNDERSTANDINGS</b>	<b>FOCUS QUESTIONS</b>	<b>WA STATE EALR CORRELATION</b>
<b>PEOPLE &amp; PLACE</b> <i>Geography</i>	Washington is geographically diverse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington has diverse geographic regions, physical features, natural resources, and climates.</li> <li>WA has a rich diversity cultures.</li> <li>The diverse physical environments of WA can provide opportunities for people as well as set limits for human activities.</li> </ul> <p>(See Geography Skills – Grade 4 Framework)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the characteristics of Washington’s five geographic regions?</li> <li>What are the major physical features and natural resources of Washington’s region?</li> <li>How does the physical geography affect the climate of Washington?</li> <li>What diverse cultures are found in WA?</li> <li>How have the residents of WA adapted to, been influenced by, and modified their physical environment?</li> <li>What are the specialized economic activities of the different regions of WA?</li> </ol>	<p>G 1.1.1a G 1.2.1a G 2.1.1 G 2.2.1 G 2.3.1 G 3.1.1a G 3.2.1a G 3.2.1b G 3.3. 1a G 3.3.1b G 3.3.1c</p> <p>H 1.3.1 E 1.2</p>
<b>HISTORY</b> <i>History</i>	The history of a state is the story of its people, events, conflicts, and ideas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are two major groups of Native Americans in Washington.</li> <li>People came to Washington for a variety of reasons.</li> <li>Early settlers faced challenges and conflicts.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who are the people who inhabited the land before settlers arrived?</li> <li>How did the Native Americans live in harmony with the environment to meet their basic needs?</li> <li>Who were the explorers of Washington? (1774-1849)</li> <li>Who came to Washington between 1830 – 1889?</li> <li>What challenges and conflicts did early settlers face?</li> </ol>	<p>H 1.1.1a H 1.1.1b H WA 1.2.1 H 1.3.1 H 2.1.1 H 2.2.1</p> <p>G 3.3.1b G 3.3.1c</p>
<b>ORGANIZATION</b> <i>Civics</i>	The purpose of state government is to protect its citizens, provide services, and solve problems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each of the three branches of state government has specific duties and responsibilities.</li> <li>Citizens of a state have both rights and responsibilities</li> <li>Taxation pays for state government.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the three branches of state government, and who are the important leaders?</li> <li>What are the rights and responsibilities of state citizens?</li> <li>How do residents of WA pay for state government?</li> <li>What current challenges face WA?</li> </ol>	<p>C 1.2.1b C 1.3.1a C 2.1.1a C 2.1.1b C 2.2.1</p> <p>C 2.3.1a C 4.1.1a C 4.2.1a C 4.3.1a E 3.1.1a</p>
<b>ECONOMY</b> <i>Economics</i>	Washington’s economy is based on diverse factors and trade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Washington’s economy has various components.</li> <li>Trade within the Pacific Rim is important to the economy of Washington.</li> <li>WA State residents help make their state’s economy successful.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What factors make Washington’s economy successful?</li> <li>Why is trade within the Pacific Rim important to the economy of WA state?</li> <li>How do people in WA help their state’s economy?</li> <li>What challenges face our state’s economy?</li> </ol>	<p>E 1.1.1a E 1.2.1a E 2.1a E 2.1.1b E 2.4.1a</p> <p>C 3.1 C 3.2.1a C 3.2.1b</p>
<b>NATURAL ECOSYSTEM</b> <i>Geography</i> <i>Civics</i>	Forest ecosystems are important to the people of WA for many reasons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forests ecosystems are an important natural resource for Washington State.</li> <li>Forests provide both natural and economic benefits.</li> <li>Forests must be managed and protected.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is a forest?</li> <li>How do forests benefit people?</li> <li>How can we protect our forests?</li> </ol>	