

4th GRADE

WHAT IS WASHINGTON STATE?

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

PEOPLE AND PLACE

I. Washington is geographically diverse.

- Washington has diverse geographic regions, physical features, natural resources, and climates.

1. *What are the characteristics of Washington's five geographic regions?*

Identify and locate
Maps
Compare and contrast

2. *What are the major physical features and natural resources of Washington's regions?*

Mountain ranges/volcanoes

Olympic Mountains
Cascade Mountains
Mt. Rainier
Mt. St. Helens

Bodies of Water

Pacific Ocean
Puget Sound
Strait of Juan de Fuca

Rivers

Columbia
Snake
Nisqually
Puyallup

Lakes

Chelan Washington Roosevelt

Natural resources

Forests	Soil	Plants
Water	Animals	Salmon

3. *How does the physical geography affect the climate of Washington?*

Rain shadow – mountains
Compare/contrast eastern WA and western WA climates

- WA has a rich diversity of cultures.

4. *What diverse cultures are found in WA today?*

Demographics/census

- **The diverse physical environments of WA can provide opportunities for people as well as set limits for human activities**
5. *How have the residents of WA adapted to, been influenced by, and modified their physical environment*
- Harnessed & used water for power, irrigation, and food
Recreation Transportation (railroads)
6. *What are the specialized economic activities of the different regions of WA?*

HISTORY

II. The history of a state is the story of its people, events, conflicts, and ideas.

- There are two major groups of Native Americans in Washington.

1. *Who are the people that inhabited the land before settlers arrived?*

Compare and contrast Plateau and Coastal peoples

Food	Shelter	Daily life
Clothing	Transportation	Art and customs

2. *How did the Native Americans live in harmony with the environment to meet their basic needs?*

Used resources found in their environment
Used only what they needed.
Their lifestyles were influenced by their environment.

- People came to Washington for a variety of reasons.

3. *Who were the explorers of WA? (1774-1849)*

Maritime

Cook
Vancouver
Gray

Overland

Lewis & Clark (Sacagawea)

4. *Who came to WA between 1830 and 1889?*

Traders

Hudson's Bay Co
Fort Astoria

Missionaries

Whitmans
Mother Joseph

Oregon Trail/ Pioneers

People from many cultural
groups immigrated to WA

Settlements

Seattle
Olympia

Centralia
Steilacoom

Spokane

Tumwater

- **Early settlers faced challenges and conflicts.**

5. *What challenges and conflicts did early settlers face?*

Pig War

Indian Wars

Whitman Massacre

Chief Sealth

Chief Leschi

Chief Joseph

Government – to Statehood

Oregon Territory

WA Territory

Treaties

Issac Stevens

Settlers

Rebuild their lives – starting over

Adapted to environment

ORGANIZATION

III. The purpose of state government is to protect its citizens, provide services, and solve problems.

- Each of the three branches of state government has specific duties and responsibilities.

1. *What are the three branches of state government and who are the important leaders?*

Executive

Makes sure laws are obeyed
Governor
Lt. Governor
State Agencies
 State Patrol
 DSHS
 Education
 Transportation

Legislative

Makes laws
House of Representatives
Senate

Judicial

Decides what laws mean
Supreme Court – 9 judges
Other state courts

Laws are passed to protect states residents and provide services.
Know name of current governor, district representative and senator, and ?

- Citizens of a state have both rights and responsibilities.

2. *What are the rights and responsibilities of state citizens?*

State Constitution

Rights

Receive a free education
Vote for elected leaders

Responsibilities

Pay taxes
Vote
Follow rules and laws

- Taxation pays for state government.

3. *How do residents of WA pay for state government?*

Sales tax
Property taxes

4. *What current challenges face WA?*

Differences between western WA and eastern WA
Participate in civic discussions about current challenges faced by the State

ECONOMY

IV. Washington's economy is based on diverse factors and trade.

- **Washington's economy has various components.**

1. What factors make Washington's economy successful?

Agriculture

Manufacturing

Natural Resources

Technology

Military

- **Trade within the Pacific Rim is important to the economy of Washington.**

2. Why is trade within the Pacific Rim important to the economy of WA state?

Import/export

- **WA State residents help make their state's economy successful.**

3. How do people in WA help their state's economy?

Consumers

Wants/needs

Advertising

Workers

Producers - manufacturers

Service industries

4. What challenges face our state's economy?

Issues to be discussed are determined by current situation.