

4th Grade

WHAT IS WASHINGTON STATE?

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

I. Washington is geographically diverse.

- Washington has diverse geographic regions, physical features, natural resources, and climates. G1.1; 1.2; 2.1; 2.2; 2.3
 - WA has a rich diversity of cultures. G3.3
 - The diverse physical environments of WA can provide opportunities for people as well as set limits for human activities. G3.1; 3.2
1. *What are the characteristics of Washington's five geographic regions?* G2.1; 2.3
 2. *What are the major physical features and natural resources of Washington's regions?* G1.1; 1.2
 3. *How does the physical geography affect the climate of Washington?* G2.3
 4. *What diverse cultures are found in WA?* G3.3 H1.3
 5. *How have the residents of WA adapted to, been influenced by, and modified their physical environment?* G2.2; 3.1; 3.2
 6. *What are the specialized economic activities of the different regions of WA?* G2.2; 2.3 E1.2; 2.1; 2.4

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. H1.2
 - People came to Washington for a variety of reasons. H1.1; 1.3; 2.2
 - Early settlers faced challenges and conflicts. H1.2; 2.1; 2.2
1. *Who are the people who inhabited the land before settlers arrived?* H1.2; 1.3
 2. *How did the Native Americans live in harmony with the environment to meet their basic needs?* G3.1; 3.2 H1.2
 3. *Who were the explorers of WA? 1774 – 1849* H1.1; 1.2
 4. *Who came to WA between 1830 and 1889?* H1.1; 1.2; 1.3; 2.1; 2.2
 5. *What challenges and conflicts did early settlers face?* H1.2; 1.3; 2.1; 2.2

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. C2.1; 2.2 E3.1
 - Citizens of a state have both rights and responsibilities. C1.2; 1.3; 4.1; 4.2; 4.3
 - Taxation pays for state government. C2.1 E3.1
1. *What are the three branches of state government and who are important leaders?* C2.1; 2.2 E3.1
 2. *What are the rights and responsibilities of state citizens?* C1.2; 1.3
 3. *How do residents of WA pay for state government?* E3.1
 4. *What current challenges face WA?* E3.1

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

- Washington's economy has various components. E1.2
 - Trade within the Pacific Rim is important to the economy of Washington. C3.1; 3.2 E2.1; 2.2
 - WA State residents help make their state's economy successful. E1.1; 2.3; 2.4
1. *What factors make Washington's economy successful?* E1.2; 2.4
 2. *Why is trade within the Pacific Rim important to the economy of WA State?* E1.2; 2.1; 2.2; 3.1 C3.1; 3.2
 3. *How do people in Washington help their state's economy?* E1.1; 2.3; 2.4
 4. *What challenges face Washington's economy?* E 1.1; 1.2