This document is designed to assist North Carolina educators in effective instruction of the new Common Core State and/or North Carolina Essential Standards (Standard Course of Study) in order to increase student achievement. NCDPI staff are continually updating and improving instructional tools to better serve teachers.

**Essential Standards: First Grade Social Studies • Unpacked Content**

For the new Essential Standards in all North Carolina Public Schools in the 2012-13 school year.

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**What is the purpose of this document?**

To increase student achievement by ensuring educators understand what the new standards require a student must know, understand and be able to do.

**What is in the document?**

The “unpacking” of the standards in this document answers a simple question, “What does this standard require a student to understand, to know and be able to do?” and to ensure the description is helpful, specific and comprehensive for educators. This tool also provides definitions and key terminology frequently used and identified within the North Carolina Essential Standards for Social Studies. Key terms in bold, correspond to those that likely appear in the new standards, classroom instruction, and comprehensive assessments (formative, interim, and summative). You may also find a list of key terminology at the end of this document in Appendix A. This list is not exhaustive, but seeks to address key terms and definitions critical in building student knowledge and understanding in the content area. The terms are to enhance the student’s ability to make connections across disciplines and in the real world and not for basic recall or memorization.

**How do I send Feedback?**

The explanations and examples in this document are helpful and specific. As this document is used, teachers and educators will find ways in which this tool can be improved and made even more useful. Please send feedback feedback@dpi.nc.gov. Your input will help refine this instructional tool. Thank You!

**Just want the standards alone?**

The stand alone standards are located at http://www.ncpublicschools.org/acre/standards/new-standards/#social.

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Note on Numbering: **H**–History, **G**–Geography and Environmental Literacy, **E**–Economic and Financial Literacy, **C&G**–Civics and Government, **C**–Culture

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*First Grade Social Studies • Unpacked Content*  
Current as of February 06, 2013
# History

## Essential Standard:
1.H.1 Understand that history tells a story of how people and events changed society over time.

**Concept(s):** Change, Community, Culture

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<td><strong>The student will understand:</strong></td>
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<td>• Changes occur in a community over time due to economic, political, cultural, or environmental factors.</td>
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<td>• Changes in neighborhoods and communities can reflect historical events.</td>
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<td><strong>The student will know:</strong></td>
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<td>• The factors that lead to change in neighborhoods or communities.</td>
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<td>The difference between neighborhoods and communities.</td>
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<td><strong>For example:</strong> A neighborhood is geographic and a community is a group of people who are bound or united by commonalities, such as values, beliefs, religion, etc.</td>
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<td>• Terms such as past, change, and causes.</td>
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<td><strong>The student will be able to:</strong></td>
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<td>• Use historical thinking to tell a story of how and why a neighborhood and community can change over time (from the past to the present).</td>
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<td><strong>For example:</strong> changes in types of businesses, landscape, jobs, transportation, population growth or decline, etc.</td>
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<td><strong>Key Terminology:</strong></td>
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<td>• Historical thinking - a set of reasoning skills that enable students to interpret, analyze and use information about past events.</td>
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| 1.H.1.2  | Explain the importance of folklore and celebrations and their impact on local communities. | **The student will understand:**  
- Folklore and celebrations originate from historical references and events.  
- Folklore and celebrations influence the norms and traditions of local communities.  

**For example:** rites of passage for children, holiday celebrations, stories used to teach lessons.  
- The importance of folklore and celebrations is often derived from their origins.  

**The student will know:**  
- The definition of folklore and celebrations.  
- Examples of folklore and celebrations and their histories.  
- How and why families celebrate in their communities.  

**For example:** Eid al-Fitr, Kwanza, Cinco de Mayo, Yom Kippur, Christmas, Chinese New Year, Diwali |
| 1.H.1.3  | Explain why national holidays are celebrated (Constitution Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Day, Presidents’ Day, etc.). | **The student will understand:**  
- National holidays honor people and events significant to a people’s culture and/or history.  
- National holidays, traditions, places and people help to provide identity for the community and nation.  

**For example:** July 4th parades celebrate our nation’s independence, Juneteenth Day celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation, Memorial Day commemorates soldiers who died and served in the military, Native American Heritage Day recognizes the contributions the first Americans in the United States.  
- National holidays reflect events that have patriotic significance in a people’s history.  

**The student will know:**  
- Definitions of patriotic and national.  
- National holidays are important and are created for historical and cultural reasons.  
- National holidays are related to traditions and celebrations in the United States.  
- The difference between national (federal) and religious holidays. |
The different national and patriotic holidays celebrated.

For example: President’s Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

### Geography and Environmental Literacy

**Essential Standard:**
1.G.1 Use geographic representations, terms and technologies to process information from a spatial perspective.

**Concept(s):** Location, Physical Characteristics

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| 1.G.1.1 Use geographic tools to identify characteristics of various landforms and bodies of water. | **The student will understand:**
| | • Land and water may be exhibited differently depending on the geographic representation used. |
| | **The student will know:**
| | • Geographic tools are used to identify and describe the physical features of landforms and bodies of water. |
| | For example: The ocean is a large body of water and a mountain is a landform. |
| | • Examples of geographic tools such as maps, globes, and atlases (e.g., paper and electronic forms), global positioning systems (e.g., GPS), keys, legends, compass rose, etc. |
| | • Geographic terminology used on maps, globes, and other tools. |
| | • Maps and globes are different geographic representations of Earth. |
| | **The student will be able to:**
| | • Create simple maps showing landforms and bodies of water. |
| | • Use geographic terms in work and play to describe and find places. |
| 1.G.1.2 Give examples showing location of places (home, classroom, school and community). | **The student will understand:**  
- Using absolute location makes it easier to determine a specific place or direction.  
- Using relative location to provide directions may present challenges.  

**The student will know:**  
- The difference between absolute and relative location.  
- Maps and other geographic tools are used to locate familiar contexts of home, classroom, school and community and absolute and relative location.  
- People use geographic terms, tools, and technology in work and play to describe and find absolute and relative locations and places.  

*For example:* Maps are used to find unfamiliar places and compasses are used to find direction.  

**The student will be able to:**  
- Find specific locations of places on a map such as home, classroom or playground by using map symbols and given directions. |
| 1.G.1.3 Understand the basic elements of geographic representations using maps (cardinal directions and map symbols). | **The student will understand:**  
- Basic elements of geographic representations used to find locations of places.  

**The student will know:**  
- Symbols represent features on a map.  
- Elements of cardinal directions and map symbols are tools that are used on maps to find locations of places.  

**The student will be able to do:**  
- Identify and use map symbols to represent streets, roads, lakes, etc.  
- Create and interpret a basic map including the key with symbols. |
### Essential Standard:
1.G.2 Understand how humans and the environment interact within the local community.

### Concept(s): Change, Human-Environment Interaction, Natural Resources

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| **1.G.2.1** Explain ways people change the environment (planting trees, recycling, cutting down trees, building homes, building streets, etc.). | **The student will understand:**
  - Physical environments change due to human-environment interaction.
  - People can change the environment through the use of natural resources.

  **The student will know:**
  - Ways people change the environment to meet their needs.
    
    **For example:** the use of land, building of homes, and ecosystems, etc.
  
  - Examples of [natural resources](#).

| **1.G.2.2** Explain how people use natural resources in the community. | **The student will understand:**
  - The environment provides many natural resources for people to live.

  **For example:** fish from the sea and grain from farms.

  **The student will know:**
  - Ways people use, conserve, and waste natural resources in their community.
  
  - Examples of [basic natural resources](#) include air, water, sunlight, animals, minerals, wildlife, coal, sand, and many more.
  
  - Natural resources are found in or on the earth.

| **1.G.2.3** Explain how the environment impacts where people live (urban, rural, weather, transportation, etc.). | **The student will understand:**
  - Different environments help determine the particular location and choices people make.

  **The student will know:**
  - People live in environments conducive to their wants and needs.
  
  - Examples of environmental characteristics that impact where and how people live.

  **For example:** weather conditions, ways of travel, urban or rural areas, people who live in the
## Economics and Financial Literacy

### Essential Standard:
1.E.1 Understand basic economic concepts.

**Concept(s):** Goods and Services, Supply and Demand, Choice, Resources, Wants and Needs

### Clarifying Objectives
1.E.1.1 Summarize the various ways in which people earn and use money for goods and services.

### Unpacking

**The student will understand:**
- People depend on jobs and other sources of income in order to produce and exchange goods and services.
- Choice is integral to earning money and using it for purchasing goods and services.

**The student will know:**
- Ways people use money earned to buy goods and services.
- Individuals earn income by working for businesses and providing services.
- How to distinguish between goods and services.
- Individuals receive income by working.
- The difference between income and money.
- People make decisions about jobs based on education, skills, interests, etc.

**The student will be able to:**
- Summarize examples of people earning, saving, and spending money for goods and services.
| 1.E.1.2 Identify examples of goods and services in the home, school and community. | **The student will understand:**  
- Producers and consumers dictate the distribution and availability of goods and services.  
- Goods and services are determined by the availability of resources.  

**The student will know:**  
- Goods are supplies, merchandise and commodities produced by workers.  
- Services are skills and work that do not produce merchandise  
- Service providers include firemen, policemen, lawn caretakers, bankers, etc.  
- The difference between goods and services.  
- Examples of resources  
- Examples of goods and services.  

| 1.E.1.3 Explain how supply and demand affects the choices families and communities make. | **The student will understand:**  
- Supply and demand impact decisions families and communities make about goods and services.  
- The levels of supply and demand can be dictated by scarcity of goods and services.  

**The student will know:**  
- The process of making choices using available resources.  
- Why people cannot have everything they want.  
- People often prioritize choices based on wants and needs.  
- Examples of goods and services.  
- The definition of supply and demand.  

**Note:** Law of Supply- if demand is held constant, increased supply leads to decreased price, while decreased supply leads to increased price. (Not sure about his definition and what is appropriate for 1st grade)  

**Key Terminology:**  
- **Supply**- the quantities of a good or service that a firm is willing and able to make available for sale at different prices (economic concept of supply and demand).  
- **Demand**- the desire and ability of individuals to purchase economic goods or services at the market price; along with supply, one of the two key determinants of price.  

### Civics and Government

**Essential Standard:**
1.C&G.1 Understand the importance of rules.

**Concept(s):** Citizenship, Authority, Conflict, Fairness, Order, Rules, Rights, Responsibilities

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<td>• Rules are needed to promote fairness and manage conflict in the home, school and community.</td>
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<td><strong>The student will know:</strong></td>
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<td>• How rules ensure safety in the home, school and community.</td>
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<td>• How to distinguish appropriate rules and their consequences.</td>
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<td>• How rules are used.</td>
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<td>• The importance of home, school and community rules in a society.</td>
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| 1.C&G.1.2 Classify the roles of authority figures in the home, school and community (teacher, principal, parents, mayor, park rangers, game wardens, etc). | **The student will understand:** |
| | • Authority figures in the home, school, and community influence the well being of people through creating and enforcing rules. |
| | **The student will know:** |
| | • The roles and responsibilities of people with authority in home, school and community. |
| | **For example:** teachers, principal, parents, mayor, park rangers, wardens, etc. |
• Notable authority leaders in the home, school and community.

  For example: teacher, principal, parents, mayor, park rangers, game wardens, law enforcement, and other persons of authority

 **The student will be able to:**

• Classify different types of authority figures according to their roles and responsibilities in the home, school, and community.

| 1.C&G.1.3 Summarize various ways in which conflicts could be resolved in homes, schools, classrooms and communities. | **The student will understand:**
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<td>The student will understand:</td>
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<td>The student will know:</td>
<td>• Conflicts can be resolved in fair and just ways in homes, schools, classrooms and communities (e.g., majority rules).</td>
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<td>The student will know:</td>
<td>• Communication and cooperation are two ways individuals, groups, and communities manage conflict and promote equality, justice, and responsibility.</td>
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<td>The student will be able to:</td>
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| **1.C.1.1** Compare the languages, traditions, and holidays of various cultures. | **The student will understand:**  
- People’s lives are often shaped by different values and traditions.  
- Diverse languages, traditions and holidays contribute to the development of values and beliefs.  

**The student will know:**  
- Individual differences in languages, beliefs and customs are unique to one’s culture.  
- Differences in beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions and social practices of various cultures in their local community.  
- How people of other cultures live, work and play.  
- Similarities and differences in the ways various cultures address human needs and concerns. |
| **1.C.1.2** Use literature to help people understand diverse cultures. | **The student will understand:**  
- Literature can illustrate the values and beliefs of diverse cultures.  
- Literature can reveal the origins of a culture’s values and beliefs.  

**The student will know:**  
- How exposure through literature promotes cultural awareness and tolerance.  
- Examples of literature, art, and music in diverse cultures. |
APPENDIX A: KEY TERMINOLOGY

History:

- **Historical thinking** - a set of reasoning skills that enable students to interpret, analyze and use information about past events.

- **Folklore** - legends, music, oral history, jokes, popular beliefs, fairy tales, and customs that are traditions of a culture or group.

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