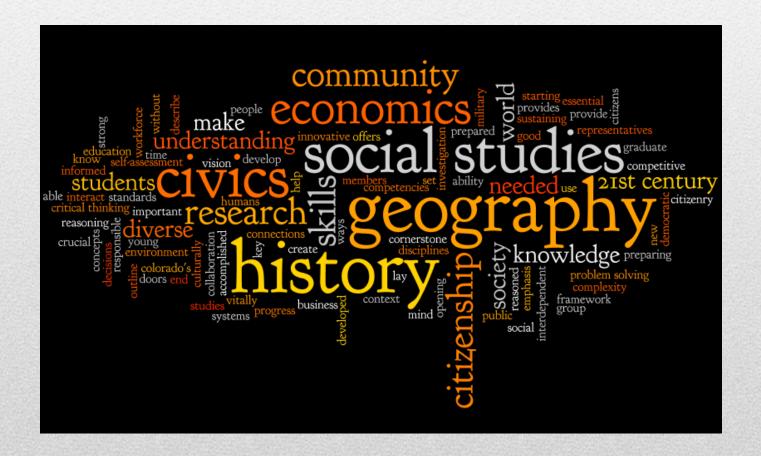
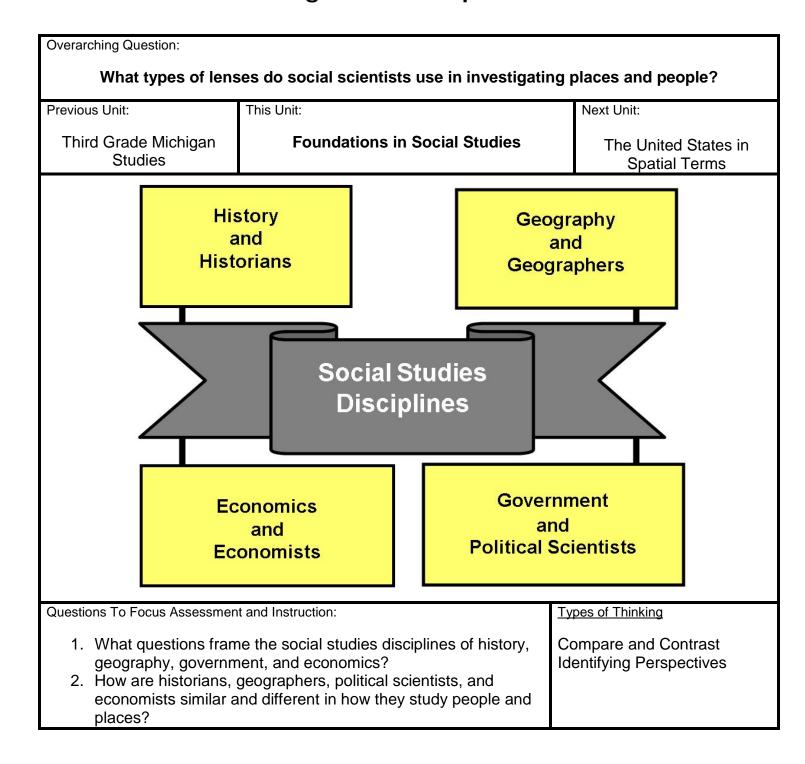
Fourth Grade Social Studies



Unit 1: Foundations in Social Studies

Student Name:

Big Picture Graphic



Questions for Students

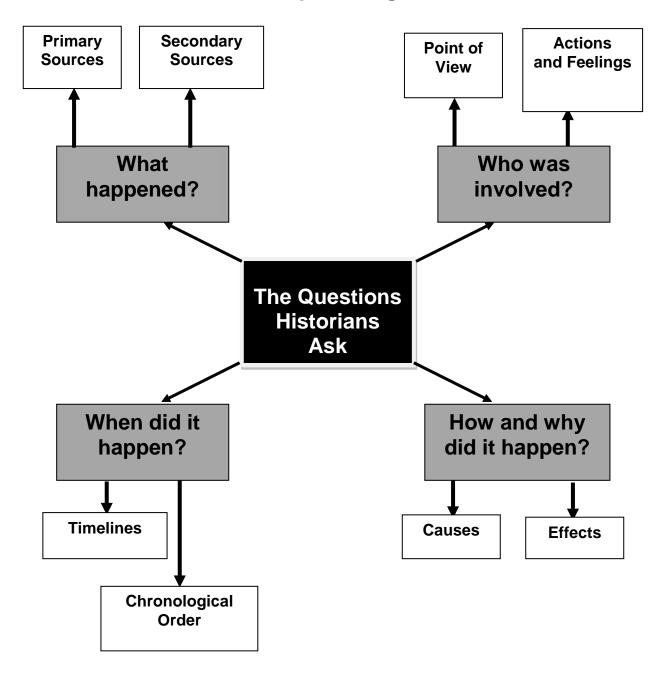
In this unit, we are going to be learning about foundations in Social Studies. Think about the focus questions:

- 1. What questions frame the social studies disciplines of history, geography, government, and economics?
- 2. How are historians, geographers, political scientists, and economists similar and different in how they study people and places?

Use the chart below to write or draw about these questions.

Things I Know	Questions I Have

Lesson 1 Graphic Organizer



Big Ideas of Lesson 1, Unit 1

- History is the study of the past and historians are people who study the past.
- Historians study the past by trying to answer certain questions.
- The questions of history are: What happened? When did it happen? Who was involved? How and why did it happen?
- Historians study primary and secondary sources to try and answer the questions of history.
- The questions of history can be used to help us review the history of Michigan.

Word Cards

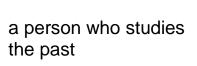
1 history



the study of the past

Example: When you study history you study about people and events of the past.

2 historian





Example: A historian studies clues from the past.

3 evidence



proof that something happened

Example: Historians look for evidence of what happened in the past.

primary sources



records made by people who saw or took place in an event

Example: Photographs, diaries, newspaper articles and letters are primary sources.

5 secondary sources

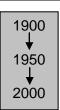


records written by someone who was not there at the time of the event

Example: Textbooks are secondary sources.

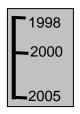
chronological order

time sequence



Example: He put the events in Michigan history in chronological order.

7 timeline



Cause

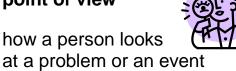
Event

Effect

a diagram that shows the order in which events happened

Example: You can make a timeline of important events in your life.

8 point of view





Example: People can have different points of view because their ages or backgrounds are different.

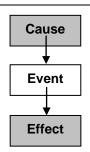
9 cause

an action that makes something else happen

Example: One cause of population growth in Michigan was the opening of the Erie Canal.

10 effect

something that results from something else happening



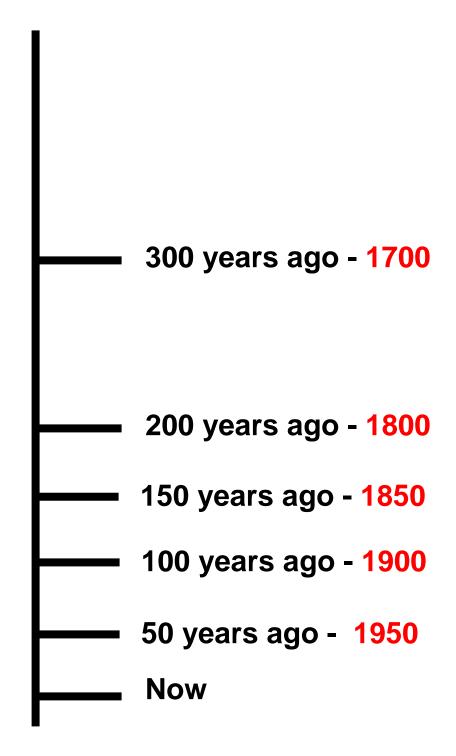
Example: One effect of the fur trade in Michigan was that American Indians and the French began to interact.

Mystery Source #1 Whitewood ! Y. 15 Thunder Bay Moneto Ral'assiette 2 Powerh Raux Betsics Monistic R. Rock R. dowaque Raisin R. O Barbue R Cedar Pt. . & ca Sandus Manahon tennamick St. Joseph

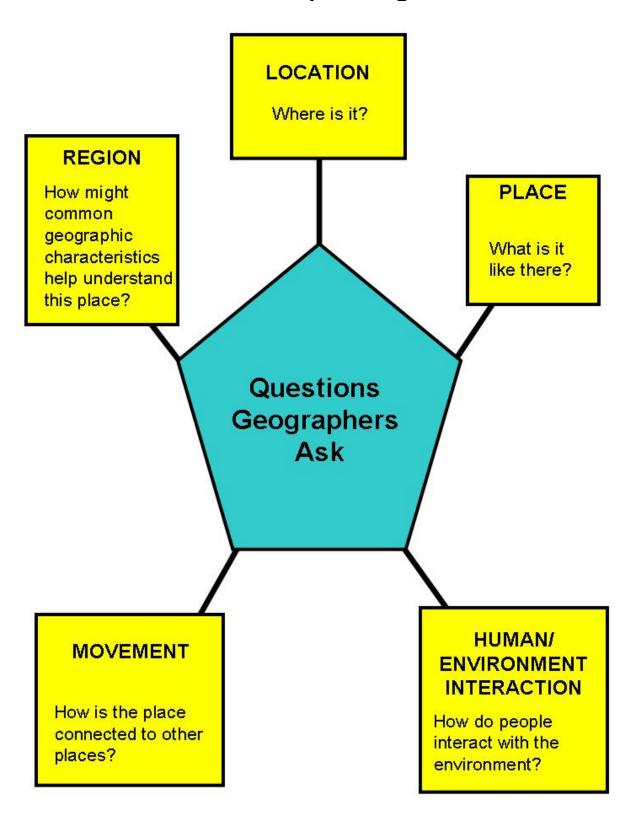
Mystery Source #2 Analysis Sheet

Partners: and	
What kind of a document is this?	
Who do you think wrote this? On what evidence did you base your answer?	
When do you think it was written? On what evidence did you base your answer?	
What is being described?	
What is an example of the writer's feelings?	
What is the point of view of the writer?	
What does this source tell us about early Michigan history?	

Chronology for Michigan History



Lesson 2 Graphic Organizer



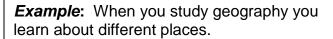
Big Ideas of Lesson 2, Unit 1

- Geography is the study of the Earth and the ways in which people interact with the Earth.
- Geographers use five themes to organize the kinds of questions they ask.
- The five themes are: location, place, human/environment interactions, movement, and region.
- Some examples of questions geographers ask include: Where is the place located? What is the place like? How do people interact with the environment? How is the place connected with other places? and How might common geographic characteristics help understand this place?

Word Cards

11 geography

the study of the Earth and the way people interact with the Earth



12 the five themes of geography

five big ideas that help people understand geography

Example: Location is one of the five themes of geography.

13 location

the geographic theme that answers the question "Where is it?"

Example: Maps can be used to find out the location of a place.

14 place

the geographic theme that answers the question "What is it like there?"

Example: Geographers use the theme of 'place' to describe what an area is like.

15 physical characteristics



geographic features that were not made by humans

Example: Lakes, rivers, and mountains are natural features.

16 human characteristics



geographic features that were made by people

Example: Roads, bridges, and cities are human features.

17 human/environment interaction



ways in which people use, adapt, or modify with the Earth.

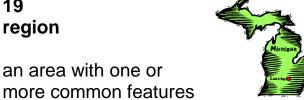
Example: When people build new roads they are interacting with the Earth.

18 movement

the geographic theme that explains how and why people, goods, and ideas move

Example: The theme of movement helps us understand how places are connected to other places.

19 region



Example: The Upper Peninsula can be one region of Michigan.

Questions Geographers Ask

Theme	Questions
Location	Where is it?What is its absolute location?What is its relative location?
Place	What is it like there?What are its natural characteristics?What are its human characteristics?
Human/Environment Interaction	 How do people interact with the environment? How have people used the environment? How have people adapted to the environment? How have people modified or changed the environment?
Movement	How is the place connected to other places? How and why have people, goods, and ideas moved in and out of the place?
Regions	How might common geographic characteristics help us understand this place? How can the place be divided into regions? To what regions does the place belong?

Describing the Relative Location of Michigan

1	 	 	 	
2	 	 	 	
_			 	
_				
3	 	 	 	-
_				
4	 	 	 	
_		 	 	
_				
5				

Human/Environment Interaction – Small Group Activity

Ways people have used the environment of Michigan	
Ways people have adapted to the environment of Michigan	
Ways people have changed the environment of Michigan	

Michigan and the Five Themes Assessment

Theme and Question	Concepts related to the theme	Michigan Example
LOCATION:	Absolute Location	
	Relative Location	
PLACE	Physical Characteristics	
	Human Characteristics	
HUMAN/ ENVIRONMENT INTERACTION	Using the Environment	
	Adapting to the Environment	
	Changing the Environment	

Michigan and the Five Themes Assessment, continued

Theme and Questions	Concepts related to the theme	Michigan Example
MOVEMENT	Goods	
	People	
REGION	Ways to divide Michigan into regions	
	Regions that include Michigan	

How to Remember the Five Themes of Geography Reference Sheet

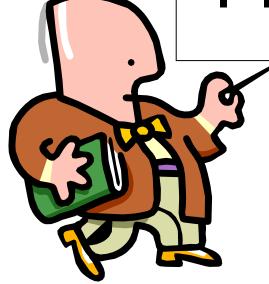
M ovement R egions

H uman/

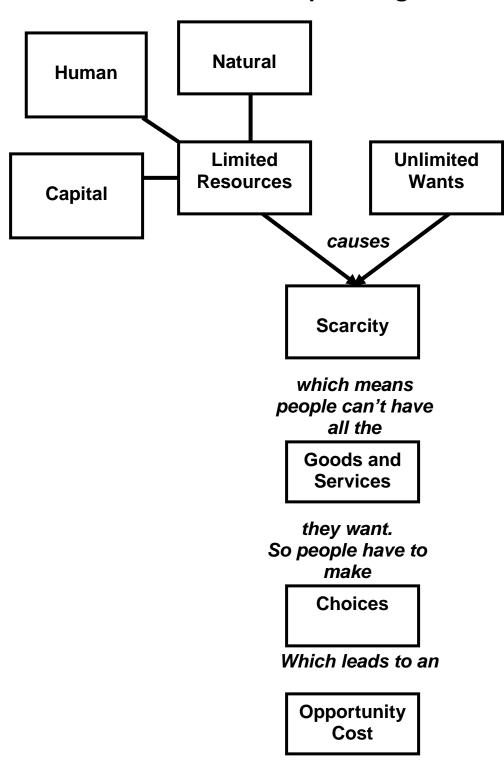
E nvironment Interaction

L ocation

P lace



Lesson 3 Graphic Organizer



Big Ideas of Lesson 3, Unit 1

- Economics is the study of how people use resources to fulfill economic wants.
- People's wants are unlimited but resources are limited. When people cannot have all the goods and services they want, a condition called "scarcity" results.
- Scarcity forces people to make choices when they produce or consume goods or services.
- Economists examine the choices people and societies make by asking questions such as: What is produced?; How it is produced?; Who gets what is produced?; and What role does the government play in the economy?

Word Cards

20 scarcity

not enough



Example: Sometimes families have a scarcity of money.

21 limited resources

There are only certain amounts of resources.

Example: Water and trees are limited resources.

22 unlimited wants

There is no end to the number of things people want and need.

Example: People have unlimited wants.

23 human resources





workers and their skills

Example: Truck drivers, doctors, and teachers are human resources.

24 natural resources



things in nature that people see as useful

Example: Water, trees, and soil are natural resources.

25 capital resources

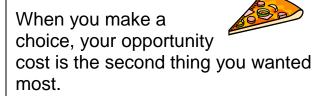




things that are used to produce more goods and services

Example: Factories and tools are capital resources.

26 opportunity cost



Example: Mary chose pizza for lunch. Her second choice was a hot dog. The hot dog was her opportunity cost.

27 economic activities



different ways people use resources and make goods and services



Example: Farming and mining are economic activities.

28 producer

someone who makes goods or provides services.

Example: Factory workers and teachers are producers.

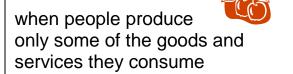
29 consumer



someone who buys goods and services

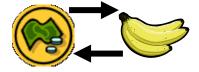
Example: When you buy something at a store, you are a consumer.

30 specialization



Example: Because of specialization people have to trade for the things they do not produce.

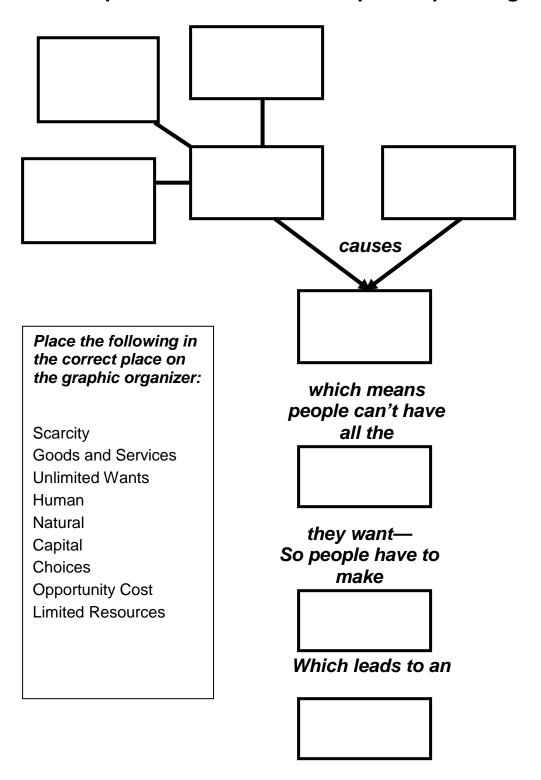
31 exchange



to trade

Example: People often exchange money for goods.

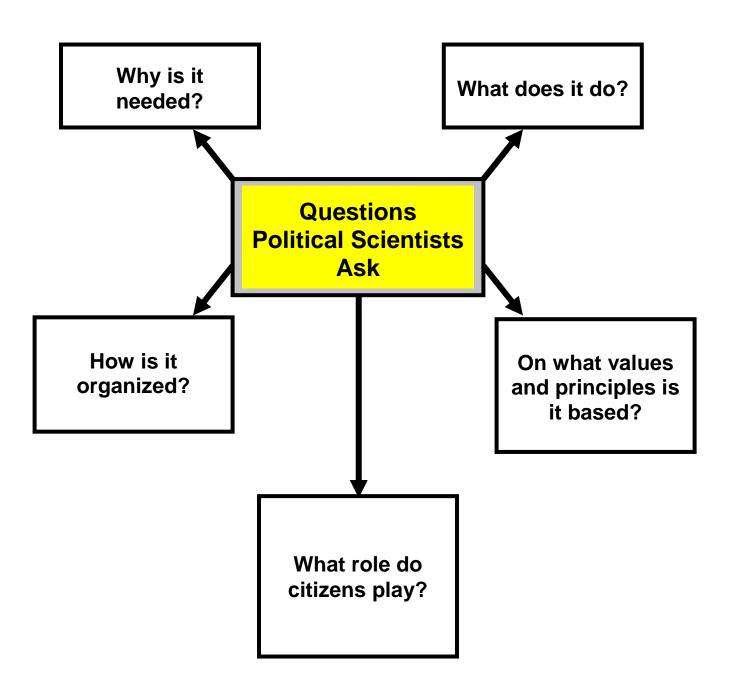
Important Economic Concepts Graphic Organizer



Literature Connection

Economic Concept	Example from the Book
Producer	
Consumer	
Natural Resource	
Capital Resource	
Exchange	
Specialization	
Scarcity	
Choice	

Lesson 4 Graphic Organizer



Big Ideas of Lesson 4, Unit 1

- Government is a system people use to exercise authority, distribute power, and regulate conduct of people.
- Civics is the study of the rights and duties of citizens.
- Political scientists study government and how people interact with them (civics).
- Political scientists ask questions about what governments do, how governments are organized, the values and principles connected to government, and the role of citizens in government.
- Historians, geographers, economists, and political scientists ask different questions, but all help us learn about human society and the human experience, past and present.

Word Cards

32 government

a system people use to exercise authority, distribute power, and regulate conduct of people

Example: Cities, states, and countries all have a government.

33 civics

the study of the rights and duties of citizens



Example: When we study about the how people participate in the government of Michigan we are studying civics.

34 levels of government

federal, state, and local governments

Example: In our country we have different levels of government.

35 federal government

the government of our country



Example: Our federal government is centered in Washington, D.C.

36 state government

the government of one of the fifty states

Example: The state government of Michigan is centered in Lansing.

37 representative government



people elect representatives to make laws for them and be their leaders

Example: Representative government is an important principle on which our federal and state governments are based.

38 branches of government

one of the three different sections of government

Example: One branch of government makes laws. One branch of government enforces laws. One branch of government decides what the laws mean.

39 legislative branch

the branch of government that makes laws

Example: The legislative branch made a law that set a new speed limit.

40 executive branch

the branch of government that enforces laws



Example: It was up to the executive branch to enforce the new speed limit.

41 judicial branch

the branch of government that decides what laws mean

Example: Courts are part of the judicial branch. Courts decide what happens to people who drive over the speed limit.

42 core democratic values



things people believe in that bring people together as Americans

Example: Freedom and fairness are examples of core democratic values.

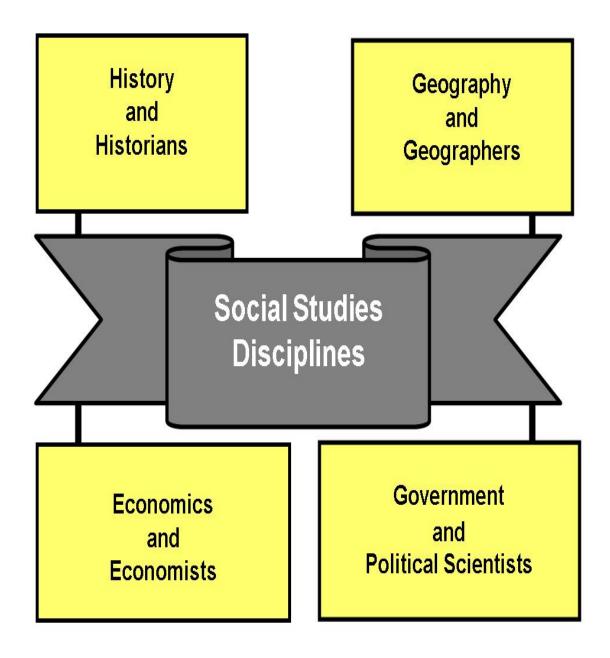
Core Democratic Values Group Activity

Freedom	
Fairness	
The Common Good	
Equality	
Diversity	
Patriotism	

Lesson Review

Social Studies Discipline	What do they study?	An example of a question they might ask about Michigan or the United States?
History and Historians		
Geography and Geographers		
Economics and Economists		
Civics and Government / Political Scientists		

Unit 1 Graphic Organizer



Unit 1 Vocabulary Words

branches of government	26
capital resources	20
cause	5
chronological order	5
civics	25
consumer	21
core democratic values	27
economic activities	20
effect	5
evidence	4
exchange	21
executive branch	27
federal government	26
five themes of geography	10
geography	10
government	25
historian	4
history	4
human characteristics	11
human resources	20
human/environment interaction	11

judicial branch	27
legislative branch	26
levels of government	26
limited resources	19
location	10
movement	11
natural resources	20
opportunity cost	20
physical characteristics	11
place	10
point of view	5
primary sources	4
producer	21
region	11
representative government	26
scarcity	19
secondary sources	5
specialization	21
state government	26
timeline	5
unlimited wants	20