

Academic Vocabulary

SOCIAL STUDIES GRADE 2

Grade 2 Social Studies

STANDARDS (TEKS): academic vocabulary directly taken from the standard STAAR: academic vocabulary used on the assessment (source released tests)

STANDARD 2.1(A) explain the significance of various community, state, and national celebrations such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Thanksgiving

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Community		
	State		
	Nation		
	Celebrations		
	Veterans Day		
	Memorial Day		
	Independence Day		
	Thanksgiving		

STANDARD 2.2(A) describe the order of events by using designations of time periods such as historical and present times

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Order of events		
	Time periods		
	Historical times		
	Present times		

STANDARD 2.4(C) explain how people and events have influenced local community history

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	People		
	Events		
	Influence		
	Community history		

STANDARD 2.7(A) describe how weather patterns and seasonal patterns affect activities and settlement patterns

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Describe	Weather patterns		
	Seasonal patterns		
	Activities		
	Settlement patterns		



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STANDARD 2.7(C) explain how people depend on the physical environment and natural resources to meet basic needs

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSE	SSMENTS
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Depend		
	Physical environment		
	Natural resources		
	Basic needs		

STANDARD 2.7(D) identify the characteristics of different communities, including urban, suburban, and rural, and how they affect activities and settlement patterns

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Characteristics		
	Communities		
	Urban		
	Suburban		
	Rural		
	Activities		
	Settlement patterns		

STANDARD 2.16(A) identify the significance of various ethnic and/or cultural celebrations

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Significance		
	Ethnic		
	Cultural		
	Celebrations		

STANDARD 2.11(A) identify functions of governments such as establishing order, providing security, and managing conflict

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Functions of government		
	Establish order		
	Provide security		
	Manage conflict		



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STANDARD 2.11(B) identify governmental services in the community such as police and fire protection, libraries, schools, and parks and explain their value to the community

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Governmental services		
Explain	Community		
	Police		
	Fire		
	Protection		
	Libraries		
	Schools		
	Parks		
	Value		

STANDARD 2.12(C) identify ways that public officials are selected, including election and appointment to office

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASS	ESSMENTS
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Public officials		
	Selection		
	Election		
	Appointment		
	Office		

STANDARD 2.14(D) identify how selected customs, symbols, and celebrations reflect an American love of individualism, inventiveness, and freedom

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Identify	Customs		
	Symbols		
	Celebrations		
	Individualism		
	Inventiveness		
	Freedom		



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STANDARD 2.9(A) explain how work provides income to purchase goods and services

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Work		
	Income		
	Purchase		
	Goods		
	Services		

STANDARD 2.10(A) distinguish between producing and consuming

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Distinguish	Producing		
	Consuming		

STANDARD 2.17(B) explain how science and technology change the ways in which people meet basic needs

STANDARDS (TEKS)		LOCAL ASSESSMENTS	
Thinking	Content	Content	Common
Explain	Science		
	Technology		
	Basic needs		

