

1st Grade

Unit 3 : Where am I? (historical, cultural thinking)

Duration: 4 weeks

In unit 3, we turn our attention from physical geography to cultural geography, including national holidays, different traditions/celebrations, customs, languages, and food. Students will explore how culture shapes history, focusing on how their culture has shaped their own personal history and build from that knowledge to explore other cultures. Read-Aloud: *Everybody Cooks Rice*

Essential Standards:

RI.1.3 Describe the connection between two individuals, events, ideas, or pieces of information in a text.

SS.1.3.6 Compare and contrast local traditions/celebrations, customs, languages, and foods as an introduction to culture. SS.1.2.2 Describe reasons for celebrating events commemorated in national holidays.

SS.1.1.3 Compare and contrast lifestyles of the past to the present. (transportation, recreation, technology, education).

SS.1.1.1 Construct personal timelines that highlight past and present events.

SS.1.1.2 Create a primary source of personal information.

Assessments:

Social Studies Task: Culture Comparison

Culture Poem based on "By Myself"

Personal Timeline with Artifact

Student Presentation: Antiques Roadshow

Social Studies Assessment: Past and Present

Paired Passage Assessment

Texts:

Anchor Text: *A Weed is a Flower*

Literary texts

Whoever You Are

Today is Monday in Louisiana

Everybody Cooks Rice

Roxaboxen, AD710L

So Many Kinds of Food”

["By Myself"](#) by Eloise Greenfield

The Moon Over Star

Informational texts

Family Pictures, AD790L

Elizabeth Leads the Way, AD700L

“Fiesta”

“Nights of Light” (paired with “Happy Birthday”)

“Happy Birthday” (paired with “Nights of Light”)

“Celebrate Flag Day” (paired with “Fly Our Flag for Veterans Day”)

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50 American Heroes (selected excerpts)

“Telephones: Then and Now” (paired with “A History of TV”)

“A History of TV” (paired with “Telephones: Then and Now”)

“Growing Up Long Ago”

“One Room Schoolhouses”

Nonprint texts

A Story A Story (film)

Paired passage sets:

“Nights of Light” and “Happy Birthday”

“Celebrate Flag Day” and “Fly Our Flag for Veterans Day”

“Telephones: Then and Now” and “A History of TV”