

Fourth Grade Year at a Glance								
FIRST SEMESTER				SECOND SEMESTER				
1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks		2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks		3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks		4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks		
Weeks 1,2,3	Weeks 7,8	Weeks 11,12,15,16		Weeks 19,20	Weeks 23,24	Weeks 27,28	Weeks 33,34	Week 36
<b>Key Concept 1:</b> Geography and Interdependence	<b>Key Concept 2:</b> Exploring Country and State	<b>Key Concept 3:</b> Political Process		<b>Key Concept 4:</b> Westward Expansion	<b>Key Concept 5:</b> Economic Decisions	<b>Key Concept 6:</b> Natural Regions of Arkansas	<b>Key Concept 7:</b> Changing Arkansas	<b>Key Concept 8:</b> Social Interdependence
<b>Big Idea:</b> We live in an interdependent world in which people affect others despite geographical, social, and economic barriers.	<b>Big Idea:</b> Migration and exploration occur for economic and cultural reasons.	<b>Big Idea:</b> People develop political systems (governments) to protect individual rights and provide services that promote economic growth.		<b>Big Idea:</b> Expansion occurs for many reasons and impacts the development of a country.	<b>Big Idea:</b> We live in an interdependent world in which people affect others despite geographical, social, and economic barriers.	<b>Big Idea:</b> Due to historical and physical changes, Arkansas is evolving from a rural to progressive society.	<b>Big Idea:</b> Due to historical and physical changes, Arkansas is evolving from a rural to progressive society.	<b>Big Idea:</b> We live in an interdependent world in which people affect others despite geographical, social, and economic barriers. (cont.)
<b>Essential Questions</b> What tools do we use to understand geography?  What geographical factors influence our interdependency in the world?	<b>Essential Question</b> What economic and cultural factors caused people to explore and settle other areas? What impact did this exploration and settlement have on existing environments and cultures?	<b>Essential Questions</b> How does conflict promote civic participation?  In what ways can people participate in the political process and why are they important?		<b>Essential Questions</b> How did Westward Expansion impact the development of our country?  What geographic features did explorers encounter during Westward Expansion?  What social adaptations occurred due to Westward Expansion?	<b>Essential Questions</b> What factors influence economic decisions?  What economic factors influence our interdependency in the world?	<b>Essential Question</b> How is Arkansas's geography unique?	<b>Essential Question</b> How has Arkansas changed over time?	<b>Essential Questions</b> What social factors influence our interdependency?