



# Grade 4 Virginia Studies Year At-A-Glance

## Overview

The standards for Virginia Studies allow students to develop a greater understanding of Virginia's rich history, from the cultures of its native peoples and the founding of Jamestown to the present. Geographic, economic, and civic concepts are presented within this historical context. Students will develop the skills needed to analyze, interpret, and demonstrate knowledge of important events and ideas in our history and will understand the contributions made by people of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Students will use geographic tools to examine the influence of physical and cultural geography on Virginia history. Ideas that form the foundation for political institutions in Virginia and the United States also will be included as part of the story of Virginia. The study of history must emphasize the intellectual skills required for responsible citizenship. Students practice these skills as they extend their understanding of the essential knowledge defined by all of the standards for history and social science.

<b>Quarter 1</b>	<b>Unit 1: VA Geography (13 class days)</b>	<b>Unit 2: VA Native Peoples (9 class days)</b>	<b>Unit 3: First Permanent English Settlement (28 class days)</b>
<b>Quarter 2</b>	<b>Unit 4: Life in VA Colony (7 class days)</b>	<b>Unit 5: VA in the American Revolution (15 class days)</b>	<b>Unit 6: Role of VA in New American Nation (19 class days)</b>
<b>Quarter 3</b>	<b>Unit 7: Civil War (12 class days)</b>	<b>Unit 8: Reconstruction in VA (15 class days)</b>	<b>Unit 9: VA in the 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries (15 class days)</b>
<b>Quarter 4</b>	<b>Unit 10: Government and Economics (13 class days)</b>		

Quarterly unit guides will be released prior to the start of each quarter.

Quarter 1: August 19 – October 31 (50 days)

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 1	<u>Unit 1: VA Geography</u>	<b>13 class days</b> Target Test Date: 9/13	VS.2a Locate VA & Bordering States VS.2b Regions of VA VS.2c Water Features of VA
	<u>Unit 2: VA Native Peoples</u>	<b>10 class days</b> Target Test Date: 9/27	VS.2d Locate Language Groups in VA VS.2e American Indians and Environment VS.2f Archaeological Evidence VS.2g Virginia Indians Today
	<u>Unit 3: First Permanent English Settlement</u>	<b>22 class days</b> Target Test Date: 10/31	VS.3a Reasons for English Colonization VS.3b Economic and Geographic Influence on Settlement VS.3c VA Company of London Charters VS.3d VA Assembly VS.3e Arrival of Africans & Women VS.3f Hardships at Jamestown VS.3g Interaction with Native People

Quarter 2: November 6 – January 17 (39 Days)

Quarter 2 Unit Guides will be released on October 16, 2024

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 2	<u>Unit 4: Life in VA Colony</u>	<b>7 class days</b> Target Test Date: 11/15	VS.4a Agriculture & Slavery VS.4b Culture of Colonial VA VS.4c Relocation of VA Capital to Williamsburg VS.4d Use of Money, Barter & Credit VS.4e Everyday life
	<u>Unit 5: VA in the American Revolution</u>	<b>17 class days</b> Target Test Date: 12/13	VS.5a Reasons for War with England VS.5b Roles of Virginians in the Revolution VS.5c Yorktown Victory VS.5d Relocation of VA Capital to Richmond
	<u>Unit 6: Role of VA in New American Nation</u>	<b>15 class days</b> Target Test Date: 1/17	VS.6a Roles of Washington and Madison VS.6b Ideas of Mason & Jefferson VS.6c Geography, Technology & Westward Movement

Quarter 3: January 23 – March 27 (45 Days)

Quarter 3 Unit Guides will be released on January 2, 2025

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 3	<u>Unit 7: Civil War</u>	<b>15 class days</b> Target Test Date: 2/12	VS.7a Events Leading to Secession VS.7b Role of VA in Civil War VS.7c Role of Virginians
	<u>Unit 8: Reconstruction in VA</u>	<b>14 class days</b> Target Test Date: 3/7	VS.8a Effects of Reconstruction VS.8b Effects of Segregation & “Jim Crow” VS.8c Economic Development in VA
	<u>Unit 9: VA in the 20<sup>th</sup> &amp; 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries</u>	<b>14 class days</b> Target Test Date: 3/27	VS.9a Industrialization in VA VS.9b Women’s Suffrage and the Great Depression VS.9c Desegregation in VA VS.9d Political, Social, Economic Impact of Virginians

Quarter 4: April 1 – June 12 (46 Days)

Quarter 4 Unit Guides will be released on March 11, 2025

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 4	<u>Unit 10:</u> <u>Government</u> <u>and</u> <u>Economics</u>	<b>13 class days</b> Target Test Date: 4/25	VS.10a Government in VA VS.10b VA Products and Industries VS.10c VA & Global Economy