

4th Grade SC Ready SOCIAL STUDIES ALIGNMENT

Standard: 4.1 – Indigenous cultures of SC

- Native American artifacts exhibit (Land of Revolutions)
- Cherokee and Catawba Peoples in Cherokee County

Student Connections:

- Culture, tools, and ways of life of Indigenous people
- Regional focus on people that lived here

Field Trip Turn and Talk:

“Compare Native American life to modern life.”

Standard: 4.2 – Causes and events of the American Revolution in SC

- Revolutionary War artifacts and timelines (Land of Revolutions)
- Fort Thicketty (Land of Revolutions)
- Patriots vs. Loyalists Artifacts (Land of Revolutions)
- Battles and Events that took place in the Upstate (Land of Revolutions)
- “Through History: The Revolutionary War” Video (Imm)

Student Connections:

- Students explore Patriots vs Loyalists Activists in SC
- Learn about local battles and SC’s role in the Revolutionary War
- See artifacts tied to Revolutionary War events

Field Trip Turn and Talk:

“Identify one-way SC was important in the Revolution.”

Dive Deeper: Fort Thicketty

Fort Thicketty shows us that the American Revolution wasn’t just one big battle. It was made up of lots of smaller events where people in the same area disagreed and fought for control. Fort Thicketty was a small fort

where Loyalists stayed. Patriots surrounded it, and the Loyalists gave up. It shows how people in South Carolina chose different sides during the war.

Students often think of the Revolutionary War as British vs Americans.

Push them to understand it was more Neighbors vs neighbors.

That's the deeper understanding the standard is after.

[Patriots vs. Loyalists Role Play Activity](#)

Standard: 4.3 – Agriculture, industry, and economic changes

- Textile Industry (Road to Prosperity Room)
- Farming Industry (Road to Prosperity Room)
- Railroad Expansion (Road to Prosperity Room)

Student Connections:

- Shows how SC shifted: Farming → Textiles → Modern Industry
- Railroad Expansion → Growth in SC industry exports

Field Trip Turn and Talk:

“How did transportation change jobs in SC?”

Standard: 4.3 Government & Citizenship

- Local citizens who impacted the state (Gallery of Heroes)

Student Connections:

- Real people and places from their region

Field Trip Turn and Talk:

“What does it mean to be a *good* citizen?”