



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 indigenous 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.

<u>Quarter 1</u>	<u>Unit 1: VA Geography</u> (10 class days)	<u>Unit 2: VA Indigenous People</u> (14 class days)	<u>Unit 3: First Permanent English Settlement</u> (25 class days)
<u>Quarter 2</u>	<u>Unit 4: Life in VA Colony</u> (7 class days)	<u>Unit 5: VA in the American Revolution</u> (15 class days)	<u>Unit 6: Role of VA in New American Nation</u> (20 class days)
<u>Quarter 3</u>	<u>Unit 7: Civil War</u> (15 class days)	<u>Unit 8: Reconstruction in VA</u> (14 class days)	<u>Unit 9: VA in the 20th & 21st Centuries</u> (13 class days)
<u>Quarter 4</u>	<u>Unit 10: Economics</u> (10 class days)		

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

Quarter 1: August 18 – October 31 (49 days)

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 1	<u>Unit 1: VA Geography</u>	10 class days Target Test Date: 9/2	VS.1a Locate VA & Bordering States VS.1b Regions of VA VS.1c Water Features of VA
	<u>Unit 2: VA Indigenous People</u>	15 class days Target Test Date: 9/24	VS.2a Archaeological Evidence VS.2b Describing Language Groups in VA VS.2c Diverse Indigenous Nations VS.2d Indigenous People and their Environment VS.2e Virginia Indigenous People Today
	<u>Unit 3: First Permanent English Settlement</u>	23 class days Target Test Date: 10/30	VS.3a Reasons for English Colonization VS.3b Economic and Geographic Influence on Settlement VS.3c VA Company of London Charters VS.3d Interaction with Indigenous people VS.3e Hardships at Jamestown VS.3f Arrival of Africans & Women VS.3g General Assembly

Quarter 2: November 5 – January 22 (42 Days)

Quarter 2 Unit Guides will be released on October 10, 2025

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 2	<u>Unit 4: Life in VA Colony</u>	7 class days Target Test Date: 11/14	VS.4a Importance and influence of agriculture VS.4b Culture of Colonial VA VS.4c Indentured servants and enslaved people VS.4d Laws that established race-based enslavement VS.4e Relocation of VA Capital to Williamsburg VS.4f Exchange of goods and services
	<u>Unit 5: VA in the American Revolution</u>	15 class days Target Test Date: 12/10	VS.5a Declaration of Independence VS.5b Roles of Virginians in the Revolution VS.5c Relocation of VA Capital to Richmond VS.5d Yorktown Victory
	<u>Unit 6: Growth of the US</u>	20 class days Target Test Date: 1/22	VS.6a Roles of Washington, Madison, and Patrick Henry VS.6b Ideas of Mason & Jefferson VS.6c Impact of founding documents VS.6d Geography, Technology & Westward Movement VS.6e Nat Turner’s Rebellion VS.12 “Mother of Presidents”

Quarter 3: January 27 – March 27 (42 Days)

Quarter 3 Unit Guides will be released on December 19, 2025

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 3	<u>Unit 7: Civil War</u>	15 class days Target Test Date: 2/17	VS.7a Role & Impact of John Brown VS.7b Causes of the Civil War VS. 7c Underground Railroad VS.7d Events Leading to Secession VS.7e Major Battles in Virginia VS.7f Virginia Leaders VS. 7g Indigenous people, enslaved Black people, free Black people
	<u>Unit 8: Reconstruction in VA</u>	14 class days Target Test Date: 3/9	VS.8a 13, 14, and 15 Amendments VS.8b Effects of Reconstruction VS.8c Role of the Freedmen’s School VS.8d John Mercer Langston VS.8e <i>Plessy v. Ferguson</i> VS.8f Effects of Segregation & “Jim Crow”
	<u>Unit 9: VA in the 20th & 21st Centuries</u>	13 class days Target Test Date: 3/27	VS.9a Economic impact of industrialization VS.9b Urbanization VS.10a Leadership in WWI and WWII VS.10b Contributions made by military veterans VS.11a Civil Rights Movement VS.11b Virginians during the Civil Rights Movement VS.12 “Mother of Presidents”

Quarter 4: April 7 – June 12 (47 Days)

Quarter 4 Unit Guides will be released on March 6, 2026

Quarter	Unit	Suggested Time	Standards of Learning
Quarter 4	<u>Unit 10:</u> <u>Economics</u>	10 class days Target Test Date: 4/20	VS.13a VA Products and Industries VS.13b VA & Global Economy

Note: Since every school schedules the SOL at different dates, we've allotted 10 class days for this unit and then expect schools to incorporate review into this quarter as well. Adjust the pacing based on your school's individual testing calendar.