

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Unit 6 United States Geography WEST

### Big Ideas:

1. Make and use a map of the West Region which includes land and water forms.
2. Identify the region's resources and how they affect the people and the land.
3. Identify landforms on a map of the West Region

### Essential Student Questions:

1. What factors create the West Region?
2. Where are the landforms and landmarks in the West Region?

Literacy Standards	Content Standards
<b>LA.RI.4.3</b> Explain the relationships (e.g. cause and effect) among events, procedures, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text, including what happened and why, based on specific information in the text.	<b>GY.A.1</b> Use maps and globes to locate places and regions.
<b>LA.W.4.2</b> Write informative /explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas and information clearly. <b>a.</b> Introduce a topic clearly and group related information in paragraphs and sections; include formatting (e.g. headings), labeled or captioned visuals/diagrams, and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension. <b>b.</b> Develop the topic with facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information/explanations and examples that support the focus. <b>c.</b> Link ideas within categories or information using words and phrases (e.g. another, for example, also, because).	<b>GY.A.2</b> Make maps, globes, and graphs.
<b>LA.SL.4.5</b> Add audio recordings and visual displays to presentations when appropriate to enhance the development of main ideas or themes and to engage listeners more fully.	<b>GY.B.1</b> Know that places have distinctive geographic characteristics.
	<b>GY.B.7</b> Understand that a region is a distinct area defined by one or more cultural or physical features.
	<b>GY.E.2</b> Recognize and assess local, regional, and global patterns of resource use.

### Vocabulary:

**Physical** – Climate, Environment, Geography, Region, Longitude/latitude, Landform, Watershed, Boundary, Continent, Ocean, Pacific Rim, Weather, Physical map

**Cultural** – Diversity, Migration, Political map, Capital, State, Country, Trade, Transportation, Artifact, Land use, Culture, Population, Economic, social and political systems

