**Social Studies-4th Grade**

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| **UNIT** | **ESSENTIAL QUESTION** |
| The Geography of New York State | *Why does geography matter?* |
| Native Americans: First Inhabitants of New York State | *What makes a complex society?* |
| Colonial and Revolutionary Periods | *What motivates people to explore and colonize other lands?* |
| Freedom and The New Nation: Federal, State, and Local Governments | *What does it mean to be free?* |
| Missing the Empire State: Immigration, Industrialization, and Westward Movement | *How do people, laws, and new technology shape a nation?* |