



**Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center
Social Studies Course of Study
First Grade – Vocabulary Definitions**

(Ohio Department of Education, 2003. K-12 Social Studies Academic Content Standards)

artifact	A material object of a culture such as a tool, an article of clothing or a prepared food.
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barter	The trade of goods and services for other goods and services without the use of money.
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consumption	The purchase and/or use of goods and services.
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cultural practice	A pattern of behavior accepted by a society.
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culture	Learned behavior of a group of people, which includes their belief systems and languages, their social relationships, their institutions and organizations, and their material goods such as food, clothing, buildings, tools and machines.
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democracy	A system of government in which political control is exercised by all the people, either directly or through their elected representatives.
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diffusion	The spread of people, ideas, technology and products among places.
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goods	Objects that are capable of satisfying people's wants.
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human characteristic/ feature	An aspect of a place or a quality of the Earth's surface constructed by people including cities, parks, buildings and roads.
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location	The position of a point on the Earth's surface expressed by means of a grid (absolute) or in relation to the position of other places (relative).
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market	The interaction of buyers and sellers exchanging goods or services.
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physical characteristic/ feature	A natural aspect or quality of the Earth's surface that includes land formations and vegetation zones.
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place	A location having distinctive characteristics which give it meaning and character and distinguish it from other locations.
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production	The act of combining natural resources, human resources, capital goods and entrepreneurship to make goods and services.
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region	An area with one or more common characteristics or features, which give it a measure of homogeneity and make it different from surrounding areas.
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responsibilities	The conditions or tasks for which a person is accountable or answerable.
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rights	Just claims that belong to a person by law, nature or tradition.
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scarcity	The lack of sufficient resources to produce all the goods and services that people desire.
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services	Actions that are capable of satisfying people's wants.
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want	A psychological or physical desire that can be fulfilled through the consumption of goods and services.
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