



Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center
Social Studies Course of Study
Second Grade – Vocabulary List

(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.
benefit	That which is received as an improvement or advantage as the result of a decision.
consumption	The purchase and/or use of goods and services.
cultural practice	A pattern of behavior accepted by a society.
cultural product	A tangible (e.g., a painting, a cathedral, a mosque, a piece of literature, a pair of chopsticks) or intangible (e.g., an oral tale, a dance, a sacred ritual, a system of education) aspect produced by a cultural group.

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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goods	Objects that are capable of satisfying people's wants.
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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 map	A portrayal on a flat surface of the physical features of the Earth (e.g., landforms, elevations).
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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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political map	A portrayal on a flat surface of the political features of the Earth (e.g., international boundaries, capitals, political subdivisions).
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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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