

Social Studies Answer Key — Weeks 33–36

Second Grade Curriculum • Answer Key with Scoring Guide

Week 33 — Community Project: Identifying Needs & Planning

Part A: Identifying Community Needs (4 pts)

Accept at least 3 needs checked with reasonable "Why?" explanations.

Example answers for "Why?":

- A cleaner park: "So kids have a safe place to play"
- More books at library: "So everyone can learn and read"
- Help for elderly neighbors: "They might need help carrying groceries"

Scoring: 1 pt per need checked with reason (up to 4 pts)

Part B: My Community Project Idea (4 pts)

Accept any reasonable project idea that:

- Addresses a real community need
- Identifies who it helps
- Lists at least 3 materials/supplies needed

Scoring: 1 pt need identified, 1 pt clear idea, 1 pt who it helps, 1 pt materials

Part C: Step-by-Step Action Plan (5 pts)

Accept 5 sequential steps with dates and helpers identified.

Steps should be logical and age-appropriate.

Scoring: 1 pt per completed step row = 5 pts

Part D: Community Interview (4 pts)

Accept interview responses that show genuine conversation with an adult.

Person and role identified. All 3 questions answered with detail.

Scoring: 1 pt person identified, 1 pt per question answered = 4 pts

Part E: Draw Your Project (3 pts)

Accept drawing that shows the project vision with labels.

Scoring: 1 pt relevant drawing, 1 pt labels, 1 pt effort/detail

Week 33 Total: 20 points

Week 34 — Community Project: Taking Action

Part A: Project Progress Tracker (5 pts)

Accept at least 3 days filled in with activities, faces, and next steps.

Scoring: 1 pt per completed day (up to 5 pts)

Part B: Writing a Persuasive Letter (6 pts)

Letter must include:

- Proper greeting (Dear ____)
- States the community need
- Describes the project idea
- Explains why it will help
- Makes a specific request
- Proper closing (Sincerely, etc.)

Scoring: 1 pt each element = 6 pts

Part C: Community Helpers Who Make a Difference (6 pts)

Community Helper	How They Help (examples)	How I Can Help Too (examples)
Teacher	Teaches us to read and learn	Be a good listener, help classmates
Firefighter	Puts out fires, keeps us safe	Practice fire safety, know escape plan
Librarian	Helps find books, organizes library	Return books on time, shelve books
Doctor/Nurse	Keeps us healthy, gives medicine	Wash hands, eat healthy foods
Mail Carrier	Delivers mail and packages	Keep mailbox clear, say thank you
(Student choice)	Accept reasonable answer	Accept reasonable answer

Scoring: 1 pt per row completed = 6 pts

Part D: Good Citizen Checklist (3 pts)

Accept any honest self-assessment with checks in appropriate columns.

At least 5 of 7 items checked in either column.

Scoring: 1 pt 5+ items checked, 1 pt honest reflection, 1 pt completed fully

Week 34 Total: 20 points

Week 35 — Year in Review: Social Studies

Part A: Topics We Covered This Year (6 pts)

Accept one relevant memory per unit. Examples:

Unit	Example Acceptable Answers
Unit 1: Rules & Community	We need rules to stay safe; laws help everyone
Unit 2: Maps & Geography	We learned about continents; compass rose shows directions
Unit 3: Civics & Government	The president leads our country; we vote to decide
Unit 4: History: Past & Present	Life was different long ago; we learned about leaders
Unit 5: Economics	Needs vs. wants; goods are things, services are actions
Unit 6: Community Projects	We helped our community; I did a project about...

Scoring: 1 pt per unit with relevant memory = 6 pts

Part B: Social Studies Vocabulary Review (6 pts)

1. Community — b. A group of people living in the same area
2. Government — d. The system of leaders and laws
3. Geography — c. The study of Earth's land, water, and places
4. Economy — e. How people make, buy, and sell things
5. Citizen — f. A member of a community or country
6. Goods — a. Things people make or grow

Scoring: 1 pt per correct match = 6 pts

Part C: Map Skills Review (5 pts)

1. Compass rose shows directions (North, South, East, West)
2. Map key/legend explains what symbols on the map mean
3. Seven continents: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, Antarctica
4. Five oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, Southern
5. Urban = city (many buildings, people); Rural = country (farms, open space)

Scoring: 1 pt each = 5 pts

Part D: Timeline Review (3 pts)

Accept any timeline with 3+ events in correct chronological order.

Events should be from different periods (past, recent past, present).

Scoring: 1 pt 3+ events, 1 pt correct order, 1 pt labels/dates

Week 35 Total: 20 points

Week 36 — Year-End Social Studies Celebration

Part A: My Social Studies Highlights (4 pts)

Accept thoughtful reflections. Each response should be at least one sentence.

- Favorite topic with reason
- Most interesting person learned about
- Most fun activity
- Something surprising

Scoring: 1 pt per thoughtful response = 4 pts

Part B: Letter to Next Year's Students (4 pts)

Letter should include:

- Greeting to future students
- At least 2 things they'll learn
- Advice for success
- Encouraging closing

Scoring: 1 pt greeting, 1 pt content, 1 pt advice, 1 pt closing

Part C: My Growth as a Citizen (6 pts)

Accept honest self-assessment comparing beginning vs. end of year.

All 6 skills should show progression or reflection.

Skill	Acceptable Responses
Following rules	Should show improvement or consistency
Reading maps	Should show growth from basic to competent
Understanding government	Should show increased awareness
Knowing history	Should show more knowledge
Understanding economics	Should show grasp of needs/wants/goods/services
Being a good citizen	Should show active participation

Scoring: 1 pt per skill with honest before/after = 6 pts

Part D: Social Studies Achievement Certificate (2 pts)

Award certificate to every student who completed the program.

Scoring: 1 pt name written, 1 pt date written = 2 pts

Part E: Thank You Cards (4 pts)

Accept thank you cards/notes to community helpers, classmates, or family.

Should express specific gratitude (not just "thanks").

Scoring: 2 pts per card (specific + sincere) = 4 pts (2 cards)

Week 36 Total: 20 points

GRAND TOTAL: Weeks 33–36 = 80 points

Grading Scale

Score Range	Grade	Description
72-80 (90-100%)	A	Excellent — outstanding citizenship and engagement
64-71 (80-89%)	B	Good — solid understanding with minor gaps

56-63 (70-79%)	C	Satisfactory — meets basic expectations
48-55 (60-69%)	D	Needs improvement — significant gaps
Below 48	F	Incomplete — requires reteaching

Note: Weeks 33-36 emphasize project-based learning and reflection. Accept reasonable, thoughtful answers that demonstrate civic awareness and community engagement. Focus on effort, growth mindset, and genuine reflection over perfect answers.