Anchor Standard:	G.2 Students will understand the nature and importance of the Five Themes of Geography: location, place characteristics, human-environment interaction, movement, and region.				
Grade Level/Band Standard:	4.G.2.1 Compare and contrast regions of South Dakota to one another.				
Student Friendly Language:	I can identify similarities and differences between regions in South Dakota.				
What prior knowledge do students need to have to be successful on this standard?					
 Have a general knowledge of the physical and political features of South Dakota. Know the main physical features of the United States. Have a beginning knowledge of what the Five Themes of Geography are. 					
Students Will Know (Factual Knowledge)		Students will Understand (Historical Inquiry)	Students Will be Able to Do (Performance Based)		
 The regions of South Dakota (eastern, western, and the Black Hills). 		• The regions of South Dakota have different characteristics that provide aspects as well as challenges. For example: (location, physical, human, and cultural characteristics, and how the regions have changed over time.)	 Identify characteristics of various regions in South Dakota. Use those characteristics to compare and contrast regions in South Dakota. Identify positive aspects as well as challenges that people in a specific region may face. 		
Vocabulary (Key Terms Used by Teachers and Students)		What are possible misconceptions students may have with respect to this standard?			
 Region Geography Characteristics 		 May think that regions are divided by p 	hysical boundaries.		

- Human-environment interaction
- Compare/Contrast

OSEUS Connection				
Essential Understanding:	Descriptive Connection Between Social Studies and OSEU:			
<u>OSEU 1</u>	 The Oceti Sakowin's nine reservations have natural resources that characterize the regions of South Dakota and North Dakota. 			
Vertical Alignment				
 Previous Learning Connections Identify reasons why people move and how it affects their communities 	 Current Learning Connections Compare and contrast regions of South Dakota to one another. This standard connects to standard 4.3.1. Describe how natural and human conditions shape places and regions. 	 Future Learning Connections Explain how cultural and environmental characteristics affect the distribution and movement of people, goods, and ideas 		
	C3 Framework Relevant Skills and Applicati	ons		
etermining Helpful Resources: 1.5.3-5 . Determine the kinds of sources that wi pinions people have about how to answer the c		rting questions, taking into consideration the differen		
Exam	ple strategies to reach depth and intention of t	he standard		
 Students will be given a region of South Dakota. They should include the major physical and political features that are found in that region. They should also draw pictures of characteristics that are appropriate for that region. Students will compare the region they live in to another region of SD using a Venn Diagram. Then they will write an essay explaining how the life would be different if they were to move to the other region that they chose. 				
	Possible Civic Engagement Activities t are explicitly tied to the curriculum that are us an include research, advocacy, direct or indirect	ed to assess the knowledge, skills and dispositions of action.		

Activity:	Description on How to Use the Activity and How it Meets the Grade Level:
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 Work collaboratively to write a resolution 	• Students will choose a region of SD and research a problem or dilemma within that region. Students will come up with 2-3 resolutions to solve the problem. Then students should list pros and cons for each resolution. Finally, they should decide on the best solution to the problem after evaluating the pros and cons.
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