4th Grade Study Guide

Chapter 1 - Discovering the Social Sciences

What do social scientists do? Read about the four social science. Discover how social scientists find answers to their questions. Then learn how to think like a social scientist.

1.1 Introduction p. 3

social scientist - a person who studies how people live in groups

social science - the study of how people live in groups

1.2 The Social Science of Economics p. 4

economist - a social scientist who studies the economy of a community

economy - the way people in a community use resources to meet their needs and wants

1.3 The Social Science of Geography p. 5

geographer - a social scientist who studies the natural and human features of Earth's surface, and its climate and life-forms

1.4 The Social Science of Political Science p. 6

political scientist - a social scientist who studies governments

1.5 The Social Science of History p. 7

historian - a social scientist who studies the past

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archaeologist - a social scientist who studies that past by looking at artifacts people have left behind