

TEACHER CRITICAL CONTENT NOTES

BENCHMARK
SS.3.CG.2.3 <i>Explain the history and meaning behind patriotic holidays and observances.</i>
BENCHMARK CLARIFICATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Students will identify patriotic holidays and observances to include, but not limited to, American Founders Month, Celebrate Freedom Week, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Medal of Honor Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, and Veterans Day.

WHERE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN	
2nd Grade	<p>SS.2.CG.2.3 Explain how citizens demonstrate patriotism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will explain why reciting the Pledge of Allegiance daily is an act of patriotism. ● Students will explain the importance of recognizing patriotic holidays or observances (e.g., American Founders Month, Celebrate Freedom Week, Constitution Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Medal of Honor Day, Memorial Day, Patriot Day, Veterans Day).
WHERE STUDENTS ARE GOING	
4th Grade- 5th Grade	While no specific benchmarks will include this content, it remains included in state statute required instruction.

TIMING/PACING NOTES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Every benchmark clarification does not need to be taught at the same time. They may be broken up and taught over the course of the school year. ● As each holiday/observance occurs, teachers may use a mini lesson to explain the history and meaning behind each one. All holidays and observances listed in the benchmark are expected to be addressed per Florida state statute.

UNDERSTANDING THE BENCHMARK
<p>→ What to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Explain can mean: write, tell, name, identify, or compare ◆ Explain that the history and meaning of patriotic holidays and observances requires students to not just recognize the existence of the holiday/observance

but understand the background and why the United States recognizes these as patriotic days to honor

- ◆ When providing historical background information, avoid historical fallacy

→ Main concepts to teach:

- ◆ The history and meaning behind patriotic holidays and observances

→ Examples:

- ◆ Holidays/Observances

- Examples provided in the benchmark
- Additional holidays/observances: Labor Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, Holocaust Education Week, Victims of Communism Day, Thanksgiving Day, Election Day, Bill of Rights Day, Black History Month, Women's History Month, Financial Literacy Month, Armed Forces Week, Florida Emancipation Day, Pascua Florida Day

CONTENT BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Information on the holidays/observances:

1. [Archives: Patriotic Holidays](#)
2. [Florida DOE: American Founders Month & Celebrate Freedom Week](#)
3. [Florida DOE: Constitution Day](#)
4. [Florida DOE: Medal of Honor Day](#)
5. [Florida DOE: Patriots Day](#)