

Designing Standards-Based Assessment and Instruction

In this section of the County Course of Study for History-Social Science, educators will find a lesson plan template and sample lesson for grade 4 and 8. The lesson plan template was developed by the Los Angeles County Office of Education under the leadership of Michelle Herzog and Tom Gibbons, history-Social Science consultants. This template includes the following sections:

- Lesson Title
- Academic Content Standards
- Historical and Social Sciences Analysis Skills
- Framework Connection
- Assessment
- Guided Instruction
- Using Data
- Designing Guided Instruction (Sample information)
- Designing Assessment Tasks (Sample information)

The fourth grade sample lesson is entitled “**The California Redwood: A Tree of Life in Time and Space.**” This sample unit shows how the History-Social Science Standards can be integrated with literature Language Arts Standards using the following books by Linda Vieira, [The Ever-Living Tree](#) and [The Life and Times of a Coast Redwood](#). This unit will identify the Standards to be taught and framework connections, the Learning Opportunities and Instructional Strategies, and provide the Scoring Rubric for the assessment.