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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

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   A history book about the Civil War, published in 2010.

2. A student's own notes taken during a visit to a museum.
   A timeline in a book about the American Revolution.
   A movie about knights, made in 2018.

3. A paragraph in a library book about how the pyramids were built.
   A newspaper story written on the day of a flood.
   A children's book about Harriet Tubman.

4. A lesson plan about explorers.
   A cartoon made today about the Boston Tea Party.
   The winning poster hung at the 1980 science fair.

5. A school report card from 1935.
   A podcast about the history of baseball.
   An encyclopedia article about a famous painter.

6. A history magazine's article about the Wright brothers' flight.
   A short video that explains how the Constitution was written.
   A map drawn by an explorer on his own trip.

7. A website biography of a scientist, written by a writer.
   A recipe card in a grandmother's own handwriting from 1950.
   A student report on the first moon landing.

8. A biography of a president, written by a historian.
   A coin dug up on a farm from the 1700s.
   A news special looking back on a flood from ten years ago.

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