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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet

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   A map in an atlas showing the routes of explorers, drawn by a modern mapmaker.

2. A town's meeting notes written during the meeting.
   A student's essay about the building of the canal.
   A chart in a book that sums up how many settlers came by wagon.

3. An article about how the first telephone worked, written in 2019.
   A diary a girl wrote on a ship in 1850.
   A teacher's slide show about the Oregon Trail.

4. A home movie of a family trip taken in 1965.
   A song written last year about the railroad workers of long ago.
   A textbook chapter about the Pony Express, written last year.

5. A ticket stub from the first school play, kept since 1975.
   A book about life on the frontier, written by a teacher.
   A magazine article about the 1906 earthquake, written in 2020.

6. A museum website article about ancient Egypt.
   A birth certificate from 1902.
   A school play about the first Thanksgiving.

7. A diary entry a soldier wrote the night before a battle.
   A model of a Roman road built by a class.
   A documentary film made in 2015 about the 1920s.

8. A guidebook that describes an old fort's history.
   A video of a rocket launch filmed by someone in the crowd.
   A history book about the Civil War, published in 2010.

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