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Grade 4 Social Studies Worksheet

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   A student report on the first moon landing.
   A school report card from 1935.

3. A movie about knights, made in 2018.
   A map in an atlas showing the routes of explorers, drawn by a modern mapmaker.
   A photograph of workers building a bridge, taken while they worked.

4. A plow used by a farmer in the 1800s.
   A model of a Roman road built by a class.
   A history magazine's article about the Wright brothers' flight.

5. A student's essay about the building of the canal.
   A telegram sent during a storm in 1901.
   A song written last year about the railroad workers of long ago.

6. A timeline in a book about the American Revolution.
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   A diary entry a soldier wrote the night before a battle.

7. A history book about the Civil War, published in 2010.
   A website biography of a scientist, written by a writer.
   A drawing a child made of her town in 1910.

8. A speech given by a mayor at the opening of a park, as written down that day.
   A museum website article about ancient Egypt.
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