

# Take a Tour of the United States

*Heritage Studies 4* presents the cultural geography of the fifty states and five territories according to their regions. Students will examine the history of each state and territory as well as an overview of American history. Students will analyze individual actions, pivotal decisions, and cultural movements from a biblical worldview. This course also teaches students to assess the impact of the Christian faith on state and territorial culture, citizenship, environment, and economy.

## How We Teach It

### Geographic Layout

The course content is organized according to the major regions and sub-regions of the United States and includes all fifty states along with the five inhabited United States territories. Each chapter in the student edition provides an overview of a specific region followed by discussions of each state in that region.

### Scenic Visuals

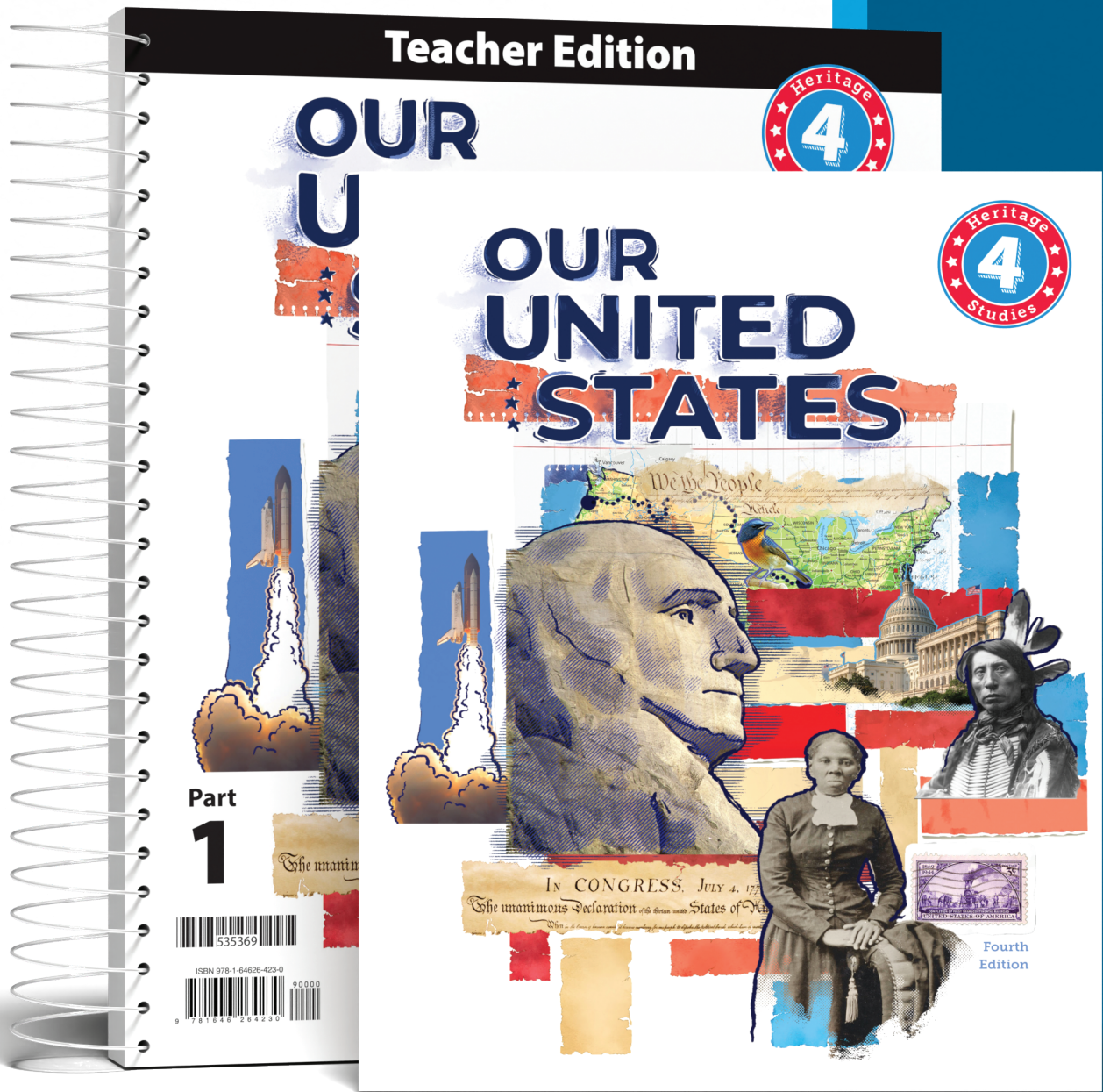
The course includes numerous captivating illustrations including maps, artwork, infographics, and more, to create an appealing book that students will enjoy. Full-page illustrations also invite students to experience unique aspects of culture in a state or territory. The overall look and feel of the course builds on the previous Heritage Studies courses as well as other fourth grade subject materials.

### Literary Insights

Each chapter includes a literature or music selection which represents the region being covered. These excerpts will give students emotional and intriguing insights into the history, environment, and culture of each region.

### State Notebook Activities

Each chapter concludes with a state notebook lesson that discusses a general aspect of a state's history, government, economy, environment, or culture in-depth. Students will then explore that particular aspect in a state of their choice. By the end of the academic year, students will have constructed a state notebook with detailed discussions of multiple facets of their chosen state.



### Illustrated Maps



### People Making a Difference



### Literature Selections Based on Region



## Materials

### Student Edition

The student edition leads students through an organized study of American states and territories by geographic region. Engaging lessons give students unique insights into the history, religion, and culture of each region. The student edition also contains numerous feature boxes highlighting physical landmarks, notable figures, cultural aspects, and more! Each chapter also includes a literature or music selection to give students a sense of the hardships and dreams of peoples within a specific region.

### Teacher Edition

The teacher edition features a four-step teaching cycle—engage, instruct, apply, and assess—along with numerous exciting activities that will inspire critical thinking in students. Teachers will be able to deliver lesson content aided by games and videos on Trove. The teacher edition also includes select boxes for differentiated instruction to assist students with varied learning styles.

### Activities

The student activities offers opportunities for students to apply higher-level thinking skills, use graphic organizers, label maps, and more. It also includes chapter reviews and study guides.

### Assessments

The assessments packet includes eleven chapter tests as well as designated quizzes for each chapter.

Answers to the student activities and assessments are also available.