Utah Studies Cover Sheet

Cycle: Change



Change is all around us; it's unavoidable.
We change and so does the world we live in.
Our seasons change; the weather changes,
societal trends change, and our
technological capabilities change.

And we change in so many different ways. We change by growing older, we change when we experience different things, we change by altering our habits and routines, and we change by meeting new people and getting to know their unique stories. Change is one of the only constants in life, and we are going to devote our first cycle of study to it. After all, education is the vehicle we can use to make the biggest and best changes in our world and lives. Education also gives us the knowledge to recognize harmful changes so we can work to stop them.

Education is the most powerful weapon, which you can use to change the world.

~Nelson Mandela

Guiding questions:

- What contributions have the Native Americans made to the culture of Utah?
- What contributions did the first explorers make to Utah?
- What contributions did the explorers and setters from the eastern United
 States make to Utah?

What you will learn:

- About the various groups of peoples throughout history who have called Utah their home, how they changed over time, and how they met their fundamental needs.
- The early explorers and Mountain Men of the American West and how their significant contributions changed Utah.
- Factors involved in prompting settlers from the eastern United States to find a new home in Utah.
- The ways various groups of people have come together in Utah and how their cultures have been changed through their interactions and relationships.

What you will do:

- Create and interpret a variety of maps of Utah's physical and human geography.
- Conduct research into the Native Americans, Explorers, Pioneers, and Settlers who contributed to the history of Utah.
- Write short responses and reflections, research summaries, and compare/contrast essays.