



Course Name: Fifth Grade Social Studies

School Year: 2021-2022

Course Purpose and Relevance:

In Grade 5, students survey the history of the United States from 1565 to the present. Historical content includes the colonial period, the American Revolution, the establishment of the U.S. Constitution and American identity, westward expansion, the effects of the expansion of slavery and causes of the Civil War and Reconstruction, immigration and industrialization, and the 20th and 21st centuries. Students study a variety of regions in the United States that result from physical features and human activity and identify how people adapt to and modify the environment. Students explain the characteristics and benefits of the free enterprise system and describe economic activities in the United States. Students identify the roots of representative government in this nation as well as the important ideas in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. Students study the fundamental rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights. Students examine the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic and identify important leaders in the national government. Students recite and explain the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag. Students describe the cultural impact of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups in the nation and identify the accomplishments of notable individuals in the fields of science and technology. Students explain symbols, traditions, and landmarks that represent American beliefs and principles. Students use critical-thinking skills to sequence, categorize, and summarize information and to draw inferences and conclusions.

Students develop knowledge and skills in the following areas:

- History
- Geography
- Economics
- Government
- Culture
- Science, Technology, and Society
- Social Studies Skills

How to Assist Your Learner at Home:

One fun way to support your fifth-grade learner is to make a game out of memorizing the name and location of all 50 states. Fifth grade students are expected to memorize these across the year, beginning with Texas and the four corners, and then moving east to west, as the year progresses (and explorers move west in our study of U.S. history). Consider creating a timeline of U.S. history that your learner can add to throughout the year and engage in conversations about what was happening during those events. Fifth grade social studies provides a cursory overview to eighth grade social studies, and the 8th grade Social Studies STAAR. If your learner creates useful study tools, notebooks, timelines, or maps, we suggest that she or he keep those for help in eighth grade.

Link to Course TEKS on State website:

[Fifth Grade Social Studies TEKS](#)

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Aug. 17-20	Unit 1: Getting Ready as Geographers and Historians - 3 weeks	
Aug. 23-27		
Aug. 30-Sept. 3		
Sept. 7-10	Unit 2: The Era of Exploration - 5 weeks	Sept. 6 -Labor Day
Sept. 13-17	** Celebrate Freedom Week **	
Sept. 20-24		
Sept. 27-Oct. 1		
Oct. 4-8		End of 1 st Nine Weeks
Oct. 11-15	Unit 3: The Early Settlements and Colonies - 6 weeks	Oct. 11 -Columbus Day
Oct. 18-22		
Oct. 25-29		
Nov. 1-5		
Nov. 8-12		
Nov. 15-19		
Nov. 22-26	Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Week
Nov. 29-Dec. 3	Unit 4: Leading up to the American Revolution - 3 weeks	
Dec. 6-10		
Dec. 13-17		End of 2 nd Nine Weeks
Dec. 20-31	Winter Break	Winter Break
Jan. 5-7	Unit 5: The American Revolution - 4 weeks	Jan. 3-4- Campus PL
Jan. 10-14		
Jan. 18-21		Jan. 17 th MLK Holiday
Jan. 24-28		
Jan. 31-Feb. 4	Unit 6: Important Documents & The War of 1812 - 3 weeks	
Feb. 7-11		
Feb. 14-18		
Feb. 21-25	Unit 7: Westward Expansion - 2 weeks	
Feb. 28-March 4		
March 7-11	Unit 8: The Expansion of Slavery and the Civil War - 6 weeks	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
March 14-18	Spring Break	Spring Break
March 21-25		
March 28-April 1		
April 4-8		
April 11-14		April 15-Holiday
April 18-22		
April 25-29	Unit 9: The Modern United States - 3 weeks	
May 2-6		
May 9-13		
May 16-20	Unit 10: Review of American History and Geography - 2 weeks	
May 23-26		End of 4 th Nine Weeks

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