

GRADE 5 SOCIAL STUDIES

Essential Skills

The priority standards consist of the following skills:

- **Geographic Literacy:** Demonstrate spatial and landscape understanding using globes, maps, and photographs.
- **Historical Thinking:** Demonstrate historical thinking practices including change and continuity over time, cause and effect relationships, interpretation of primary and secondary sources, and significance of historical events and figures.
- **Civic Mindedness:** Demonstrate understanding of civic roles, rights, and responsibilities at various levels: the individual, group, government, and global.
- **Economic Understanding:** Demonstrate knowledge of economic concepts and elements of financial literacy.

Content

Explore the United States' past and connections to the present.

- a. Understand how the exploration and colonization of North America transformed human history. (Historical Thinking, Geographic Literacy)
- b. Understand the chronology and significance of key events leading to self-government. (Historical Thinking, Civic Mindedness)
- c. Understand the rights and responsibilities guaranteed in the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. (Civic Mindedness)
- d. Understand that the 19th century was a time of incredible change for the United States, including geographic expansion, constitutional crisis, and economic growth. (Geographic Literacy, Historical Thinking, Economic Understanding)
- e. Address the causes, consequences and implications of the emergence of the United States as a world power. (Historical Thinking, Economic Understanding)

