

5th Grade Social Studies Curriculum Overview

Students in 5th grade will receive a semester's worth of in-depth geography/map skills to begin the year. After the first semester, students will begin to analyze indigenous culture of the inhabitants of North and South America. From there, students will examine the timeline of how North America went from an unknown continent to the United States of America.

Learning Resources

- [TCI Social Studies Alive: America's Past](#)
- [Discoveryeducation.com](#)
- [DBQ Project: Mini Q's of American History](#)

Skills to be developed throughout the course: (bulleted list of skills that students will work on throughout the course)

- Map Skills
- Inquiry based questioning and writing
- Analyzing primary and secondary sources
- Utilize multiple technology based platforms
- Investigate early American History through the American Revolution

In Gower Middle 5th Grade Social Studies Classrooms:

- Students will be able to proficiently utilize map skills.
- Students will be able to analyze primary and secondary sources of thematic units throughout the year.
- Students will be able to utilize technology platforms while researching assorted themes throughout early American history.
- Students will be able to investigate/analyze events in early American History to determine the impact it has had on history.

Units of Study:

- Geography/Map Skills (1 Semester)
- Native Americans
- Early explorers
- Early English Settlements
- Tensions Between the Colonies and Great Britain
- Declaration of Independence
- American Revolution

The Learning Standards for this course are (ie Common Core Standards, Illinois Learning Standards, National Standards). Priority standards should be listed and linked below:

- [5th Grade Social Studies Standard](#)