



Course Name: Fifth Grade Social Studies

School Year: 2025-2026

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 Historical content includes the colonial period, the American Revolution, the establishment of the U.S. Constitution and American identity, westward expansion, the effects of the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, and 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 naming and locating major states and their capitals. 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 they keep those for help in eighth grade.

Link to Course TEKS on State website:

[Fifth Grade Social Studies TEKS](#)

2025-26 Year at a Glance

Days of Instruction	Date	5th Social Studies
3	Aug 11-15	Unit 1 Geography of the United States BB1: Maps and Tools <i>(5.24AB - 10 days)</i> BB2: Regions of the United States <i>(5.6ABCD, 5.7B, 5.12B, 5.23C, 5.24A- 12 days)</i>
5	Aug 18-22	
5	Aug 25-29	
4	Sept 1-5	
5	Sept 8-12	
5	Sept 15-19	SS Unit 2 - Colonial America BB1: Exploration and Early Colonization <i>(5.1AB, 5.7ABC - 5 days)</i> BB2: The Colonies and Their Founding <i>(5.8AB, 5.9AB, 5.10A, 5.11B, 5.12ABC- 9 days)</i> BB3: Colonial Governments <i>(5.13AB -4 days)</i>
5	Sept 22-26	
4	Sept 29 -Oct 3	
4	Oct 6-10	
3	Oct 13-17	SS Unit 3 - American Revolution BB1: Road to Revolution <i>(5.2AB - 4 days)</i> BB2: American Revolution, Part 1 <i>(5.14A, 5.20AB, 5.21B- 6 days)</i> BB3: American Revolution, Part 2 <i>(5.2BC -3 days)</i>
5	Oct 20-24	
5	Oct 27-31	
4	Nov 3-7	SS Unit 4- Constitution and Government BB1: A New Nation <i>(5.2BC, 5.3A, 5.15B, 5.18B - 4 days)</i> BB2: Constitution <i>(5.14B, 5.15ABC - 5 days)</i> BB3: The Bill of Rights <i>(5.14C, 5.19A -5 days)</i>
5	Nov 10-14	
5	Nov 17-21	
5	Dec 1-5	SS Unit 5 - Westward Expansion & Reconstruction BB1: The War of 1812 <i>(5.4A - 5 days)</i> BB2: Westward Expansion <i>(5.4CF, 5.12C - 5 days)</i> BB3: Industrial Revolution <i>(5.4B, 5.7A, 5.8A, 5.10ABC, 5.11AB, 5.12BD, 5.22ABC -5 days)</i> BB4: The Causes of the Civil War <i>(5.4D - 4 days)</i> BB5: The American Civil War <i>(5.4D - 5 days)</i> BB6: Building the Peace, 1865-1877 <i>(5.4E -4 days)</i> BB7: Building a Union <i>(5.4E -5 days)</i>
5	Dec 8-12	
5	Dec 15-19	
4	Jan 5-9	
5	Jan 12-16	
4	Jan 19-23	
5	Jan 26-30	
5	Feb 2-6	
5	Feb 9-13	
4	Feb 16-20	SS Unit 6 - The US 20th & 21st Century BB1: Progressive Reforms and World War I <i>(5.5AC, 5.10B, 5.12D, 5.18A, 5.22ABC - 10 days)</i> BB2: The Roaring 20s and the Great Depression <i>(5.5AC, 5.10C, 5.11A, 5.12ABCD, 5.22C - 9 days)</i> BB3: A World at War <i>(5.5AC, 5.18AB, 5.22C -9 days)</i> BB4: The 21st Century <i>(5.5B, 5.18A, 5.22BC - 4 days)</i>
5	Feb 23-27	
5	Mar 2-6	
4	Mar 16-20	
5	Mar 23-27	
4	Mar 30 - Apr 3	
5	Apr 6-10	Tier 2 Instruction
4	Apr 13-17	
4	Apr 20-24	
3	Apr 27 - May 1	SS Unit 7 - American Identity BB1: Culture of the United States <i>(5.21AB - 4 days)</i> BB2: National Symbols, Landmarks, and Celebrations <i>(5.16ABCD - 5 days)</i> BB3: Citizens <i>(5.17A, 5.18AB, 5.26A -4 days)</i>
5	May 4-8	
5	May 11-15	
4	May 18-21	Tier 2 Instruction