Driscoll ISD 2025-2026

5th Grade World History

Course Description: This course provides a comprehensive, chronological study of United States History from 1565 to the present day.

Semester 1

1st Quarter Topics	2nd Quarter Topics
Unit 1 - The First Americans ● Ancient American Civilizations ● Adapting to Different Places ● American Indian Cultures Unit 2 - Age of Exploration ● Technology Shapes Exploration ● Explorers for Spain ● The Columbian Exchange Unit 3 - Settlements Take Root ● The Spanish Colony in the Americas ● The English Colonies in Virginia ● Pilgrims and Puritans in New England ● The French and Dutch in North America Unit 4 - Life in the Colonies ● New England, Middle, and Southern Colonies ● Daily Life in the Colonies ● Slavery in the Colonies ● The French and Indian War	Unit 5 - The American Revolution ● Tensions with Britain ● The Colonists Rebel ● Declaring Independence ● On the Battlefield and at Home ● Winning Independence Unit 6 - A New Nation ● Articles of Confederation ● Creating the Constitution ● The Bill of Rights ● Key Concepts of the Constitution Unit 7 - Washington Takes Office ● Jefferson and the Louisiana Purchase ● The War of 1812 ● American Indians and the Trail of Tears ● Women and African Americans Fight for Freedom Unit 8 - Moving West ● Inventions, Roads, and Railroads ● The Lone Star State ● Trails to the West ● The California Gold Rush

Semester 2

3rd Quarter Topics	4th Quarter Topics
Unit 9 - Civil War and Reconstruction ● Struggles Over Slavery ● The War Begins ● Life During the Civil War ● The War Ends ● Reconstruction Unit 10 - Expanding West and Overseas ● Railroads, Miners, and Rancers ● Sodbusters and Homesteaders ● American Indians Struggle to Survive ● Expanding Overseas Unit 11 - Industry and Immigration ● Inventors and Inventions ● The Impact of Big Business ● Immigration Unit 12 - Struggle for Reform ● The Progressive Era ● Unequal Opportunities for African Americans ● The Fight for Women's Rights Unit 13 - Good Times and Hardships ● World War I ● The Roaring Twenties ● The Great Depression ● The New Deal	Unit 14 - World War II ● World War II Begins ● World War II at Home ● World War II in Europe ● The Holocaust ● World War II in the Pacific Unit 15 - The Cold War ● A Divided World ● The Superpowers Compete ● Cold War Conflicts ● The End of the Cold War Unit 16 - America Changes ● Postwar America ● Civil Rights ● From the Great Society to Reagan Unit 17 - Americans Today ● Trials at Home and Abroad ● Threats to Peace and Prosperity ● Meeting Today's Challenges ● Science and Technology