



Fifth Grade Social Studies Course Description:

- In grade 5, students survey the history of the United States from 1565 to present
- Students study a variety of regions in the United States that result from physical features and human activity
- Students 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, important ideas from 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
- Students describe the cultural impact of various groups
- Students 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

TEKS: Click [HERE](#) to access state standards for fifth grade Social Studies.

2019-2020 Fifth Grade Year at a Glance		
Grading Period	Units	Instructional Topics
1 st Grading Period	Citizenship: My America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Important symbols, customs, celebrations, and landmarks that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity
	Exploration & Colonization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Causes and effects of European colonization in the United States beginning in 1565, the founding of St. Augustine The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live How people adapt to and modify their environment Basic economic patterns of early societies in the United States The development, characteristics, and benefits of the free enterprise system The impact of supply and demand on consumers and producers in a free enterprise system Patterns of work and economic activities in the United States The organization of governments in colonial America Understands the contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to the United States
2 nd Grading Period	The American Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence Understands the concept of regions in the United States The organization of governments in colonial America Important ideas in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights Important symbols, customs, celebrations, and landmarks that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity The relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created
	The Constitution & Our Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The events that led from the Articles of Confederation to the creation of the U.S. Constitution and the government it established Important ideas in the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights The framework of government created by the U.S. Constitution of 1787 Important symbols, customs, celebrations, and landmarks that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity The importance of individual participation in the democratic process at the local, state, and national levels The importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic The fundamental rights of American citizens guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the U.S. Constitution

3 rd Grading Period	America in the 19 th Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century • The concept of regions in the United States • The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live • How people adapt to and modify their environment • The impact of supply and demand on consumers and producers in a free enterprise system • Patterns of work and economic activities in the United States • Important symbols, customs, celebrations, and landmarks that represent American beliefs and principles and contribute to our national identity • The importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic • The fundamental rights of American citizens guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and other amendments to the U.S. Constitution • The relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created • The contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to the United States • The impact of science and technology on society in the United States
4 th Grading Period	Inventors & Innovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of science and technology on society in the United States
	America in the 20 th Century & Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important issues, events, and individuals in the United States during the 20th and 21st centuries • The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live • The importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic
	Maps & Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of geographic tools to collect, analyze, and interpret data • The concept of regions in the United States • The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live