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- 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
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Fifth Grade Social Studies Year at a Glance

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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 that contribute to our national identity
	Exploration & Colonization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reasons for the and the role of key people in the European colonization of North America beginning in 1565, the founding of St. Augustine Places and 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 the environment The basic economic patterns of early societies in the United States The development of the free enterprise system in the United States 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 The contributions of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to the United States culture
2 nd Grading Period	American Revolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence and the formation of the United States Places and regions in the United States Important ideas in the Declaration of Independence The importance of effective leadership The relationship between the arts and the times during which they were created The contribution of people of various racial, ethnic, and religious groups to the United States culture
	Constitution & Our Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The significant individuals who contributed to the creation of the U.S. Constitution and the government it established The important ideas in the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights The framework of government created by the U.S. Constitution of 1787 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

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 in the 19th century Places and regions in the United States The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live 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 Patterns of work and economic activities in the United States The importance of effective leadership The fundamental rights of American citizens 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 culture The impact of science and technology on society in the United States
4 th Grading Period	Inventors, Innovations, and Free Enterprise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The development, characteristics, and benefits of the free enterprise system in the United States The impact of science and technology on society in the United States
	America in the 20 th Century	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States in the 20th century The location and patterns of settlement and the geographic factors that influence where people live How people adapt to and modify their environment Patterns of work and economic activities in the United States The importance of effective leadership The fundamental rights of American citizens 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 culture
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