

Fifth Grade

Goals:

Knowledge and Cultural Understanding
Democratic Understanding and Civic Values
Skills Attainment and Social Participation

United States History and Geography: Making a New Nation

The fifth grade students study U.S. history and geography, emphasizing the period up to 1850, using hands-on experiences, role-playing, writing projects, and a variety of other activities. Students will study pre-Columbian settlements, early explorations of the Americas, the settling of the Colonies, the American War for Independence, and the Westward Expansion. Students will study the 50 States and their geography. They will experience and gain an understanding of the different racial, religious, and ethnic groups that have contributed to the development of this country.

Content Standards:

- 5.1 Students will trace the routes and describe the early explorations of the Americas.
- 5.2 Students describe the cooperation and conflict that existed among the Indians and between the Indian Nation and new settlers.
- 5.3 Students will understand the political, religious, social, and economic institutions that evolved in the colonial era.
- 5.4 Students will explain the causes of the American Revolution.
- 5.5 Students understand the course and consequences of the American Revolution.
- 5.6 Students relate the narrative of the people and events associated with the development of the U.S. Constitution and analyze its significance as the foundation of the American Republic.
- 5.7 Students will trace the colonization, immigration, and settlement patterns of the American people from 1789 to the mid-1800's with emphasis on the defined role of economic incentives and the effects of the physical and political geography and transportation systems.
- 5.8 Students will know the location of the current 50 states and the names of their capitals.