

5th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Academic Year 2025–2026

Course Description

This course introduces fifth-grade students to the foundations of American history, geography, government, and culture. Through a variety of engaging activities and projects, students will develop critical thinking and research skills, as well as an understanding of the diverse people and events that have shaped the United States.

Course Objectives

- Understand the history and development of the United States from early exploration to the Civil War.
- Explore important events, people, and movements in American history.
- Analyze the basic principles of the U.S. government and Constitution.
- Examine the geography of North America, including physical features, regions, and natural resources.
- Recognize the contributions of various cultures and communities.
- Develop historical research, map reading, and critical thinking skills.

Units of Study

1. Geography and Map Skills
2. Native American Cultures
3. European Exploration and Colonization
4. Life in the Colonies
5. The American Revolution
6. Formation of the United States Government
7. Westward Expansion
8. The Civil War
9. Contemporary Connections: How History Shapes Today

Assessment Methods

- Quizzes and Tests
- Class Participation and Discussions
- Research Projects
- Map and Chart Activities
- Presentations
- Homework Assignments

Classroom Expectations

- Be respectful to classmates and teachers.
- Participate actively in class discussions and activities.
- Complete assignments on time.
- Ask questions and seek help when needed.

Materials Needed

- Social Studies textbook
- Notebook and folder
- Pencils, pens, and colored pencils
- Access to a computer or tablet (for research and projects)

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please contact the teacher via email or school phone. Additional resources and updates will be provided regularly.