



Foundational Changes

Social Studies Objectives

Geography and Native American pre European Contact

- Study factors such as weather, land use, climate and transportation to identify regional differences and similarities.
- Review the themes/elements of geography.
- Identify basic geographic forms (i.e., rivers, lakes, bays, oceans, mountains, plateaus, Describe deserts, plains, etc.).
- Identify and use a variety of maps (i.e., political, resource, product, physical, climate, vegetation).
- Locate the physical regions of United States for Native Americans.
- Review geographic regions and major landforms and the impact of geography on indigenous lifestyles and culture.
- Describe early Indigenous cultures and their development in North America.

Early Explorers and Settlements of the Americas

- Sequence and explain the causes for European exploration and settlement in North America.
- Compare and Contrast the European Cultures with Native American cultures.
- Cause and effect of early European exploration and colonization, cultural and ecological interactions among previously unconnected peoples.
- Describe the origins of the Columbian Exchange and Triangle Trade, and its effect on Europe, Africa, and the Americas.

Colonization

- Compare and contrast the New England, Middle and Southern Colonies.
- Analyze primary sources to better understand early colonial life.
- Create a map of colonization and identify changes over time.
- Explain why the Americas attracted Europeans and how Europeans struggled for control of North America and the Caribbean.
- Identify how the values and institutions of European economic life took root in the colonies and how slavery reshaped European and African life in the Americas.

American Revolution

- Describe the tensions between the French, British and Native Americans and the resulting 7 year war.
- Identify and describe the significance of major events before and during the American Revolution.
- Analyze primary sources: Declaration of Independence.
- Identify the military advantages and disadvantages enjoyed by the colonies and England before and during the American Revolution.
- Identify and describe the roles played by significant individuals during the American Revolution.

A New Nation

- Describe the national government under the Articles of Confederation.
- Summarize the Constitutional Convention and the debate over ratification.
- Analyze primary sources: Articles of Confederation, Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- Identify evidence used to support the competing views of the Anti-Federalists and Federalists. Distinguishes 2 party system.