

Mrs. Benavides
5th Grade Social Studies Syllabus
2011 – 2012 School Year

1st Nine Weeks

Chapter 1: America's Land

Chapter 1 describes landforms, natural resources, and regions of the United States, as well as how people interact with the land and its resources.

Chapter 2: The First Americans

Chapter 2 discusses Ancient Americans, and describes American Indians of the West, the Southwest, the Plains, and the East.

Chapter 3: Age of Exploration

Chapter 3 discusses the expansion of travel, technology, and trade between Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas from the 1200s to the 1700s.

Chapter 4: European Settlements

Chapter 4 describes European exploration and settlement of North America, from the search for a Northwest Passage through the New England settlements, to later French and Dutch settlements of the early 1600s.

2nd Nine Weeks

Chapter 5: New England Colonies

Chapter 5 introduces the thirteen colonies, and discusses the New England Colonies

Chapter 6: Middle and Southern Colonies

Chapter 6 tells about the founding of the Middle and Southern colonies, and what life was like for the people who settled them.

Chapter 7: Causes of the Revolution

Chapter 7 discusses the many causes of the American Revolution, including conflicts with Britain and the French and Indian Wars.

Chapter 8: The War for Independence

Chapter 8 discusses the Revolutionary War, from its beginning in the pages of Thomas Paine's *Common Sense* to the war-ending Treaty of Paris.

3rd Nine Weeks

Chapter 9: Creating a Nation

Chapter 9 describes the struggle to form a new nation as outlined in the Constitution of the United States.

Chapter 10: The Early Republic

Chapter 10 describes settlement beyond the Appalachians, the purchase and exploration of Louisiana, the War of 1812, and Andrew Jackson.

Chapter 11: A Growing Republic

Chapter 11 discusses the Industrial Revolution, German and Irish immigrants, reform efforts, and migration to the West.

Chapter 12: Causes of the Civil War

Chapter 12 describes the conflict within the United States over slavery, the election of Abraham Lincoln, and the secession of southern states.

4th Nine Weeks

Chapter 13: Civil War and Reconstruction

Chapter 13 discusses the causes of the Civil War, its major battles, the end of the war, and the period of Reconstruction.

Chapter 16: Becoming a World Power

Chapter 16 discusses the expansion of the United States from the Spanish-American War through World War II.

Chapter 17: Americans Face Changes

Chapter 17 describes the Cold War, cultural and political changes during the 1950s, and 1960s, and the Vietnam War.

Chapter 18: Our Nation and the World

Chapter 18 describes the presidencies of Richard Nixon, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Regan, George H. Bush, and Bill Clinton, as wells as the election of George W. Bush and the events of September 11.