




## 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES

Welcome to 5th Grade! This guide will help you understand what your child will learn in social studies this year and how you can support their learning at home. Throughout the year, your child will explore U.S. history from the Industrial Age to the Digital Age, while building skills in geography, government, and economics. If you have questions, contact your child's teacher.

This year's focus: **US History – Industrialization to the Digital Age**

Your child will complete a three-year journey through U.S. history, learning how innovation, conflict, and civic action have shaped the modern United States.

<p><b>HISTORY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore life at the turn of the 20th century</li><li>• U.S. involvement in World War I and cultural changes in the 1920s</li><li>• Learn about the Great Depression and the New Deal</li><li>• Study major events and leaders of World War II</li><li>• Examine the Cold War</li><li>• Analyze the Civil Rights Movement and key figures</li><li>• Trace developments from 1975 to 2001</li></ul>	<p><b>GEOGRAPHY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Locate key places such as Kitty Hawk, Pearl Harbor, Montgomery, and Chicago</li><li>• Understand how geography influenced economic growth and settlement patterns</li><li>• Use maps to analyze historical and economic trends</li></ul> 
<p><b>CIVICS &amp; GOVERNMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learn how the U.S. Constitution protects citizens' rights</li><li>• Understand the amendment process and how it supports democracy</li><li>• Explore how voting rights have expanded through constitutional amendments</li><li>• Discuss the responsibilities of citizenship and the importance of civic participation</li></ul>	<p><b>ECONOMICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apply economic concepts like opportunity cost, trade, specialization, productivity, and price incentives</li><li>• Understand the roles of households, businesses, banks, and government in the economy</li><li>• Learn how consumers and producers interact in markets</li><li>• Identify parts of a personal budget and the importance of saving and spending wisely</li></ul>

## HOW YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

Fifth graders learn through research, analysis, and real-world connections:

- Ask & Wonder: Pose questions like “How did this invention change life in America?” or “Why do we have rights and responsibilities?”
- Investigate: Read primary sources, analyze maps and graphs, and study timelines and biographies
- Share & Explain: Write essays, create presentations, or participate in debates and simulations
- Reflect: Connect historical events to current issues and personal experiences

## SKILLS YOUR CHILD WILL BUILD

- Use maps, timelines, and charts to gather and interpret information
- Compare and contrast historical events and perspectives
- Organize events chronologically and identify cause and effect
- Analyze primary and secondary sources
- Formulate research questions and draw conclusions

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Discuss current events and connect them to history
- Visit museums or memorials related to U.S. history
- Talk about rights and responsibilities as a citizen
- Explore economic choices like budgeting, saving, and spending
- Read biographies of inventors, leaders, and changemakers

5th Grade Social Studies helps students understand how the past shapes the present and prepares them to be informed, active citizens in a global society.



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**HISTORIC, GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL & ECONOMIC LITERACY.**