

5th Grade American History

This study of history is a chance for families to delve into rich literature and learn about our own country's history in a very engaging way. To enhance your learning experience, we recommend attending the 5th Grade American History Activity Days and add a variety of materials such as Discovery Streaming videos, historical fiction and non-fiction books from the library or the Annex. Visit our 5th grade Social Studies page on our HCS website for suggested resources and materials.

Listed below is a topical overview for a typical year of study for American History. Chapters from our text, Harcourt Reflections: *The United States: Making a Nation* are given as a reference. Another resource noted in the table is *The History of Us* by Joy Hakim. This series works well for read-aloud selections for 5th grade.

<i>Month</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Harcourt Reflections Unit / Chapters</i>	<i>History of US by Joy Hakim</i>
August – Mid-September	Early People American Indians	Unit 1 Chapters 1-2	Book 1
Mid-September – October	Age of Exploration	Unit 2 Chapters 3-4	Book 1
November – December	Settling the Colonies	Unit 3 Chapters 5-7	Book 2
January – Mid -February	The American Revolution	Unit 4 Chapters 8-9	Book 3
Mid-February – March	Government	Unit 5 Chapters 10-11	Book 4
April – May	Western Expansion	Unit 6 Chapters 12-13	Book 5 (some selections)

5th Grade American History Activity Days

Come join us as we explore our American heritage together! These activity days will be integrated across the curriculum and will follow the 5th grade social studies timeline. Each activity day will have a separate registration notification sent out prior to the event through email and our monthly newsletter.

Topics and Dates:

Explorers/American Biography Presentation Day

October 29, 2015 - Hickman School Auditorium

Activities include: Compass navigation; design a compass rose and presentations of historical biography project. (Guidelines for this project are available through your EC or on the HCS website.) You will be asked to bring either hard tack; beef jerky; cheese or dried fruit for the Explorers Picnic.

Colonial Celebration

December 17, 2015 - Hickman School Auditorium

A Colonial Celebration - Bring potluck lunch to share! Activities include: Rope making; Stenciling; Candle making; Cornhusk dolls; games; food! Colonial costumes are encouraged, but not required. See the HCS website for ideas.

Revolutionary War / Walk Through Program

February 2, 2016 - Hickman School Auditorium

Walk Through the American Revolution. This fast paced program is an engaging way to learn about the people and events of the American Revolution. Please be aware that this is a team event and a firm commitment is needed when signing up. (See www.californiaweekly.com for more info.)

Westward Movement / Oregon Trail

May 3, 2016- Hickman Campus

Join us on the Oregon Trail! Navigate the Oregon Trail in your own wagon party. Students will take their “covered wagons” across the Blue Mountains; navigate the “waters” of the Columbia River; trade with helpful Native Americans, and encounter many other places and situations along the trail. Students finish up in Oregon City to celebrate the journey of a lifetime.

March or April - Civil War Reenactment in Knights Ferry – This event is highly recommended. Watch the newsletter for an announcement.

Be sure to sign up for the T3, *Voyage of Discovery (Lewis & Clark)*, for more great American History experiences!

Questions about the American History group? Contact Cheryl Brodie:

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