

## 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade American History Activity Days and add a variety of materials such as Discovery Education videos, historical fiction and non-fiction books from the library or the Annex. Visit our 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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)