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Curriculum Catalog

History and Geography 500

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Course Overview

History and Geography 500 continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God's activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. It focuses on two major areas, American History and Geography. The course covers American History from early exploration through the Reconstruction, with special emphasis given to inventions and technology of the 19th and early 20th centuries, and geography of the Americas, with special emphasis on Mexico, Canada, and U.S. regional geography. These areas of focus target four major content strands: History, Geography, Government and Citizenship, and Social Studies Skills.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Identify significant explorers, such as Christopher Columbus, Francisco Coronado, Sir Francis Drake, Ferdinand Magellan, and Samuel de Champlain, noting their accomplishments.
- Understand how conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence.
- Understand political and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century, including changes resulting from the Industrial Revolution, and explain how these changes led to conflict among sections of the United States.
- Describe the causes and effects of the Civil War and its aftermath.
- Apply geographic tools, including maps, legends, and symbols.
- Locate and describe U.S. regions made up of various groups of states, such as New England and the Great Plains.

Additionally, students will gain practice in report-writing and story-writing, covering topics like proverbs, the Pledge of Allegiance, frontier life, inventions, and more.

Additional Resources

In addition to the default course program, History and Geography 500 includes alternate lessons, projects, essays, and tests for use in enhancing instruction or addressing individual needs.

UNIT 1: EXPLORING THE NEW WORLD	
Assignment Titles	
1. Course Overview	12. Project: Prayer of Thanksgiving
2. Exploration Tools	13. New England Colonies
3. Maps	14. Middle Colonies
4. Quiz 1	15. Southern Colonies
5. Viking and Portuguese Explorers	16. Quiz 3
6. Spanish Explorers	17. Special Project
7. English Explorers	18. Review Game
8. French Explorers	19. Test
9. Dutch Explorers	20. Alternate Test
10. Quiz 2	21. Reference
11. Early Settlements	

UNIT 2: COLONIAL AMERICAN LIFE	
Assignment Titles	
1. Life in New England Colonies	11. Project: Franklin Proverbs
2. Project: Family Tree	12. Quiz 2
3. New England Clothing and Schools	13. Life in the Southern Colonies
4. New England Crafts	14. Southern Activities and Worship
5. New England Worship and Activities	15. Quiz 3
6. Quiz 1	16. Special Project
7. Life in the Middle Colonies	17. Review Game
8. Benjamin Franklin: A Successful Man	18. Test
9. Benjamin Franklin: A Good Citizen	19. Alternate Test
10. Project: Bible Proverbs	20. Reference

UNIT 3: THIRTEEN COLONIES BECOME A NEW NATION
Assignment Titles

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| 1. A Search for Freedom | 11. A New Nation |
| 2. Problems With England | 12. Quiz 3 |
| 3. Quiz 1 | 13. Democracy |
| 4. War of Independence | 14. Project: Pledge of Allegiance |
| 5. Project: Johnny Cakes | 15. Quiz 4 |
| 6. Independence Declared | 16. Special Project |
| 7. A Turning Point Reached | 17. Review Game |
| 8. Essay: Revolutionary War | 18. Test |
| 9. Quiz 2 | 19. Alternate Test |
| 10. Victory Declared | 20. Reference |

UNIT 4: NEW LANDS AND TROUBLED TIMES
Assignment Titles

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| 1. The Louisiana Purchase | 12. Project: Living in the Frontier |
| 2. Project: Colonies Map Activity | 13. Quiz 2 |
| 3. The War of 1812 | 14. Problems Between the North and the South |
| 4. Project: Star Spangled Banner | 15. A Great Nation Divided by War |
| 5. Expansion from Sea to Sea | 16. The Aftermath of the Civil War |
| 6. Project: Map of the United States | 17. Quiz 3 |
| 7. Project: America the Beautiful | 18. Special Project |
| 8. Project: Current Event | 19. Review Game |
| 9. Quiz 1 | 20. Test |
| 10. Life on the Frontier | 21. Alternate Test |
| 11. Life on the New Frontier | 22. Reference |

UNIT 5: THE UNITED STATES BECOMES A WORLD LEADER
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Inventions and New Ideas | 10. Report: Biography |
| 2. Development of Power | 11. Essay: Government Money |
| 3. Technological Advancements | 12. Quiz 3 |
| 4. Project: Conservation | 13. Special Project |
| 5. Quiz 1 | 14. Review Game |
| 6. Industrialization | 15. Test |
| 7. Power Struggles | 16. Alternate Test |
| 8. Quiz 2 | 17. Reference |
| 9. Immigration and Urbanization | |

UNIT 6: UNITED BY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Progress of Transportation in Early America | 12. Printed and Postal Communication |
| 2. Land Transportation | 13. Electronic Communication |
| 3. Water Transportation | 14. Project: Skit |
| 4. Quiz 1 | 15. Modern Communication and the Government |
| 5. Project: Family Travel | 16. Report: Invention |
| 6. Steamboat and Rail Transportation | 17. Quiz 3 |
| 7. Project: Tom Thumb | 18. Special Project |
| 8. Progress of Transportation After 1800 | 19. Review Game |
| 9. Air Transportation | 20. Test |
| 10. Quiz 2 | 21. Alternate Test |
| 11. Progress of Communication in America | 22. Reference |

UNIT 7: THE UNITED STATES - ONE NATION WITH MANY REGIONS
Assignment Titles

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| 1. The New England States | 11. Quiz 2 |
| 2. The Middle Atlantic States | 12. Alaska |
| 3. The Southern States | 13. Hawaii and U.S. Island Possessions |
| 4. Report: State | 14. Quiz 3 |
| 5. Quiz 1 | 15. Special Project |
| 6. The Midwestern States-Part 1 | 16. Review Game |
| 7. The Midwestern States-Part 2 | 17. Test |
| 8. Project: Captain's Diary | 18. Alternate Test |
| 9. Project: Atlas Work | 19. Reference |
| 10. The Western States | |

UNIT 8: OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Mexico: Contrasts in Geography | 10. Quiz 2 |
| 2. Mexico: Contrasts in Cultures | 11. Caribbean Islands |
| 3. Mexico: Contrasts in Daily Life | 12. Quiz 3 |
| 4. Quiz 1 | 13. Special Project |
| 5. Essay: Influence | 14. Review Game |
| 6. Central America: Contrasts in Geography | 15. Test |
| 7. Report: Continental Divide | 16. Alternate Test |
| 8. Central America: Contrasts in Culture | 17. Reference |
| 9. Central America: Contrasts in Daily Life | |

UNIT 9: CANADA - OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR
Assignment Titles

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| 1. Giant of the North | 11. Spirit of Friendship |
| 2. Mosaic of People | 12. Report: Hudson Bay Company |
| 3. Project: Inuits | 13. Government and Unity |
| 4. Searchers of Gold, Glory, and Spices | 14. Provinces of Canada |
| 5. Project: Play | 15. Quiz 3 |
| 6. Quiz 1 | 16. Special Project |
| 7. Glory of New France | 17. Review Game |
| 8. A Century of Trial | 18. Test |
| 9. Canadian Confederation | 19. Alternate Test |
| 10. Quiz 2 | 20. Reference |

UNIT 10: REVIEW
Assignment Titles

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| 1. European Countries and Explorers | 11. Quiz 3 |
| 2. New World Colonies-Part 1 | 12. Mexico |
| 3. New World Colonies-Part 2 | 13. Central America, Caribbean Islands, Canada |
| 4. Quiz 1 | 14. Quiz 4 |
| 5. War for Independence | 15. Special Project |
| 6. Expansion and More War | 16. Review Game |
| 7. Quiz 2 | 17. Test |
| 8. Industrialization, Immigration, Urbanization | 18. Alternate Test |
| 9. Communication and World Leadership | 19. Reference |
| 10. The United States | |