

Social Studies at Home

Fifth Grade

Investigating Our History

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Unit 1 Native Americans

Unit 2 The Age of Exploration

Unit 3 Colonization

Unit 4 Events Leading to the Revolution

Unit 5 Revolutionary War

Unit 6 Foundations of the U.S. Government

Concepts to Discuss...

Unit 1:

- Students will read to answer questions such as;
 - o In what ways did Native Americans use their environment for their survival?
 - o How did the Native Americans change and adapt to their environment?
- Ask your child to share what they are learning about different Native American cultures with you.

Unit 2

- Students will identify reasons for exploration and factors that made exploration challenging.
- Students will search for answer to questions such as;
 - o What were key events that lead to the exploration and settlement of the Americas?
 - o What were the goals of the North American Explorers?
 - o What were the results of the interactions between the Europeans and the Native American peoples?
- Encourage your child to read age appropriate historical information from variety of sources
- Plan family visits to locations of historical interest.

Unit 3

- How did self-rule impact early colonization of the new world?
- What were the motives for migration of European settlers to the New World?
- How did the diverse culture of settlers affect Native Societies in the New World?
- How did the environment influence lifestyles in Colonial America?

Unit 4

- How does the conflict cause change?
- What are the key events that lead to the Revolution?
- How does the government affect people's actions?

Unit 5

- What characteristics make a leader?
- How do beliefs effect choices?
- How did the Revolutionary War change our country?
- Students will learn about concepts such as;
 - o revolution, conflict, commitment

Unit 6

- How is democracy beneficial when forming a government?
- How does separation of power represent democratic principles?
- What is the value of teamwork?
- Concepts:
 - o point of view, adantation, interdependence, and relationships

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