



Social Studies

Grade 4

2nd Nine Weeks



This academic overview can be used to monitor and support your child's at-home learning progress.

Unit 3: American Indians in Texas

Student Learning Targets

- I can compare the ways of life of the American Indian groups in Texas before European exploration.
- I can describe how American Indian groups in Texas adapted to and modified their environments.
- I can explain how the American Indian groups in Texas met their needs and wants.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- What are the characteristics of the cultures of American Indian groups that lived in Texas?
- How did American Indian groups in Texas adapt to their environment?
- How did American Indian groups in Texas modify the environment?
- How did the different American Indian groups in Texas meet their basic needs?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Culture- the way of life of a group of people

Unit 4: European Exploration and Settlement of Texas

Student Learning Targets

- I can summarize why Europeans explored and settled Texas.
- I can identify the contributions of significant explorers who impacted the settlement of Texas.
- I can describe why the Spanish established settlements and missions in Texas.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- Why did Europeans explore and settle Texas?
- What was the purpose of the Spanish mission system?
- How did the Spanish mission system affect American Indians living in Texas?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Mission- a settlement with the purpose of converting American Indians to Christianity

Unit 5: The Texas Revolution

Student Learning Targets

- I can analyze the causes, major events, and effects of the Texas Revolution.
- I can identify individuals who made significant contributions to the Texas Revolution and the early leaders of the Republic of Texas.
- I can explain the importance of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- What were the causes and effects of the Texas Revolution?
- Who were the important leaders of the Texas Revolution and what were their contributions?
- Who were the leaders of the Republic of Texas?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Revolution- changing one government structure to another
- Republic- a form of government where people elect their leaders