



Social Studies

Grade 7

2nd Nine Weeks



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

Unit 4: Republic of Texas

Student Learning Targets

- I can identify the significant issues, individuals, and events that shaped the Republic of Texas.
- I can explain the causes and effects of Texas annexation, including the significance of the U.S.-Mexican War.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How did Texans form a new government after the Texas Revolution?
- Why did the annexation of Texas into the U.S. lead to the U.S.-Mexican War?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Republic- a form of government in which the people elect their leaders
- Annexation- when a country adds new territory

Unit 5: Constitution

Student Learning Targets

- I can define and explain the characteristics of the seven principles that underlie both the U.S. and Texas Constitutions.
- I can compare how the Texas and U.S. Constitutions are similar and different.
- I can identify the rights of Texas citizens.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How do the basic principles of the Texas and U.S. Constitution affect the power of the government and the rights of the people?
- Why does a democratic society rely on its citizens being informed?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Constitution- a written set of rules that forms the government of a state or country
- Federalism- a strong central government that shares power with state, or local, government.

Unit 6: Culture and Geography

Student Learning Targets

- I can analyze the political, economic, and social impact and significant issues in the early 21st century such as *economic* controversies on the history of Texas.
- I can compare physical and human characteristics in Texas including major cities, waterways, natural landmarks, and political regions.
- I can explain about myself and my cultural heritage including my cultural activities and celebrations and explain a variety of cultural activities and celebrations of my peers..

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How do different cultures influence your environment?
- How does geography affect culture?
- How do politics affect culture?
- How does immigration and migration influence politics and society?
- How are demographics used to illustrate the changing population in Texas?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Migration- moving from one place to another inside the same country
- Culture- the traditions and beliefs shared by a group of people