



Social Studies

Grade 7

3rd Nine Weeks



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

Unit 7: Civil War and Reconstruction

Student Learning Targets

- I can identify how the Compromise of 1850 affected Texas.
- I can explain why the expansion of slavery played a central role in the involvement of Texas in the Civil War.
- I can analyze how the speed of communication at this time affected major events of the Civil War in Texas.
- I can describe the political, economic, and social effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction in Texas.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- Why did some Texans oppose secession?
- Why is the expansion of slavery the central cause of the Civil War?
- How did the Civil War and Reconstruction affect Texas?
- Was Reconstruction successful in Texas? Why or why not?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Sectionalism - focus on the interest of one's region over national interests
- Secede - to withdraw from a larger unit that one belongs to
- Reconstruction - the effort after the Civil War to reform the Southern states and readmit them to the Union

Unit 8: Texas in the 20th Century: Cattle, Railroads, and Oil

Student Learning Targets

- I can analyze how weather and climate affected the development of the agricultural industry in Texas.
- I can explain how the growth of the cattle industry affected Texas.
- I can explain how the oil industry led to the industrialization of Texas.
- I can identify how the growth of railroads and the oil industry affected the environment. In Texas.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How did technological advancements contribute to the growth of the cattle industry in Texas?
- What changes led to the closing of the frontier in Texas?
- Why did the discovery of oil lead to political, economic, and social change in Texas?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Subsistence farming - growing enough food to feed one's family
- Petroleum - a liquid found beneath the earth's surface that can be made into fuel and other products
- Sharecropper - a tenant farmer who in exchange for their labor is provided with resources, housing, and food.