



Social Studies

Grade 8

3rd Nine Weeks



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

Unit 5: Industrialization, Immigration, and Reform

Student Learning Targets

- I can explain the reasons for the development of the plantation system, the transatlantic slave trade, and the spread of slavery.
- I can identify the economic factors that brought about rapid industrialization and urbanization.
- I can describe the development of the abolitionist movement.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How did industrialization lead to urbanization in the United States?
- Were the reform movements of this era successful? Why or why not?
- Why did the free enterprise system develop in the United States?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Industrialization - the large-scale growth of manufacturing and mass-production
- Urbanization - the growth of cities as people move from rural to urban areas
- Suffrage - the right to vote in elections

Unit 6: The Age of Jackson

Student Learning Targets

- I can explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson.
- I can analyze the reasons for the removal and resettlement of the Cherokee Indians..
- I can explain the constitutional issues that arose during the Nullification Crisis.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- Why did the expansion of suffrage result in the election of Andrew Jackson?
- How did Andrew Jackson change the Presidency?
- Why did the state and national governments come into conflict during the Age of Jackson?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Nullification - when a state tries to ignore a law that it considers to be unconstitutional
- Tariff - a tax that is paid on an import or export between sovereign states
- Spoils system - when a political party gives government jobs to its supporters after winning an election

Unit 7: Westward Expansion

Student Learning Targets

- I can analyze the importance of the idea of Manifest Destiny for the westward growth of the United States.
- I can analyze how physical and human factors affected the westward expansion of the United States.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- Why did the westward expansion of the United States increase tensions between the Northern and Southern states?
- How were American Indians affected by the westward expansion of the United States?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Manifest Destiny - the belief that American settlers were destined to expand across North America