



Social Studies

Grade 5

4th Nine Weeks



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

Unit 7: The U.S. in the 21st Century

Student Learning Targets

- I can analyze the significance of events of the 21st century, including the War on Terror and the 2008 presidential election.
- I can describe how scientific discoveries and the development of technology industries have contributed to the growth of the U.S. economy.
- I can explain how scientific discoveries and technological innovations have benefited individuals and society.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- What actions has the United States taken as part of the War on Terror?
- Why is the presidential election of 2008 significant?
- How have technology industries impacted the economy of the United States?
- How has technology improved the lives of individuals?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Terrorism- the use of violence and fear to achieve political goals
- Technology- the application of scientific discoveries for practical purposes
- Globalization- the development of a world economy, in which people, goods, and ideas move freely from one country to another

Unit 8: American Identity

Student Learning Targets

- I can explain the significance of various patriotic and political symbols.
- I can explain why individuals have a duty to participate in civic affairs at the local, state, and national levels.
- I can identify past and present leaders in the national government
- I can summarize the contributions of people of different racial, ethnic, and religious groups to our national identity.

Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- What are some examples of patriotic symbols? What do they represent?
- What are some ways that individuals can be civically engaged?
- Why is it a duty of individuals to participate in civic affairs?

Key Academic Vocabulary

- Civic responsibility- duties related to being a citizen