



# Social Studies

## Grade 7

### 1st Nine Weeks



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

#### Unit 1: American Indians & Explorers

##### Student Learning Targets

- I can identify the four regions of Texas and their characteristics.
- I can compare the different environments where American Indian lived in order to draw conclusions about their cultures.
- I can identify the European individuals who explored Texas and their impacts.

##### Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How does geography influence the way groups live and their culture?
- What types of positive and negative consequences can new influences have on our lives?
- What type of conflict arises when new cultures meet?

##### Key Academic Vocabulary

- Agriculture - the industry of growing crops (farming) or raising livestock (ranching)
- Region- an area of land that shares common characteristics

#### Unit 2: Colonizing Texas

##### Student Learning Targets

- I can identify important events and issues related to the Spanish missions used to settle the Americas
- I can identify important events and issues related the Mexican National Era.
- I can identify events that led to the Texas Revolution.

##### Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- How did European colonization affect what is now present day Texas?
- What motivates people to rebel against its government?
- What part does geography play in governmental control of its people?

##### Key Academic Vocabulary

- Colonization - the action or process of settling among and establishing control over the indigenous people of an area.
- Govern - to conduct the policy, actions, and affairs of a state, colony, or people.

#### Unit 3: Texas Revolution

##### Student Learning Targets

- I can describe the events and issues that led to the Texas Revolution.
- I can explain the roles of the significant leaders of the Texas Revolution.
- I can describe the significant events of the Texas Revolution, including the major battles.

##### Questions to Check for Unit Understanding

- What causes people to rebel against their government?
- What were the significant events of the Texas Revolution?
- What were the effects of the Texas Revolution?

##### Key Academic Vocabulary

- Revolution- changing from one government structure to another