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Social Studies Curriculum Map: Fifth Grade

Unit 1 focus: Concepts Used in Fifth Grade Social Studies

In this unit students will be introduced to the unit connecting themes of:
- BELIEFS & IDEALS
- CONFLICT & CHANGE
- INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, INSTITUTIONS
- LOCATION
- MOVEMENT/MIGRATION
- PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, & CONSUMPTION
- SCARCITY
- TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

These themes will provide the scaffolding needed for the study of Social Studies for the school year.

Unit 2 focus: Effective Citizenship: Introduction

BELIEFS & IDEALS
* responsibilities of a citizen (CG1a)
* freedoms in Bill of Rights (CG1b)
* e pluribus unum (CG4)

PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, & CONSUMPTION
* competition, markets, & price – impact on behavior (E3a)

Unit 3 focus: The Civil War: The Nation Divided

BELIEFS & IDEALS
* Uncle Tom’s Cabin, John Brown’s raid, & their effects (H1a)
* slavery & states’ rights (H1b)

CONFLICT & CHANGE
* Fort Sumter, Gettysburg, Atlanta Campaign, Sherman’s March, Appomattox Court House (H1c)
* effects of war on North & South (H1e)

INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, INSTITUTIONS
* Lincoln, Lee, Grant, Jefferson Davis, Stonewall Jackson (H1d)

LOCATION
* Gettysburg (G1b)

Unit 4 focus: Reconstruction: The Nation Reunited

BELIEFS & IDEALS
* 13th, 14th, 15th amendments (H2a, CG3b)
* Constitutional right to due process (CG1c,d)

CONFLICT & CHANGE
* effects of war on North & South (H1e)
* Reconstruction (H2)
* Jim Crow (H2c)
* amendment process (CG2)

INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, INSTITUTIONS
* Freedmen’s Bureau (H2b)

PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION & CONSUMPTION
* Effect of Reconstruction on the Southern economy (E2a, E3a, E3b, H1e)
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Unit 9 focus:
Understanding the News: What is America’s role in the 21st century world?

BELIEFS & IDEALS
* Vietnam (H8a)
* increasing US involvement in world events (H9a)
* collapse of Soviet Union (H9a)

CONFLICT & CHANGE
* Middle East peace efforts (H9a)
* Persian Gulf War, 9/11 attacks, & War on Terrorism (H9a)

LOCATION
* map US economic activity (G2b, MS 10-12)
* choice of location for activity (E1a, E1c, E2a, E3)

PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, & CONSUMPTION
* voluntary exchange & G8 (E1d)
* NAFTA (trade & economic activity) (E1e)

TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION
* impact of technology on business (E1f)
* impact of computer & Internet (H9b)

Unit 10 focus:
Effective Citizenship: Conclusion

BELIEFS & IDEALS
* 12th & 17th amendments (CG3a)
* 23rd & 24th amendments (CG3b)

INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS, INSTITUTIONS
* business, bank, & government functions (E2)

PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, & CONSUMPTION
* personal finance (E4)