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History and Geography 500

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History and Geography 500 Course Overview

History and Geography 500 continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God's activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. It focuses on two major areas, American History and Geography. The course covers American History from early exploration through the Reconstruction, with special emphasis given to inventions and technology of the 19th and early 20th centuries, and geography of the Americas, with special emphasis on Mexico, Canada, and U.S. regional geography. These areas of focus target four major content strands: History, Geography, Government and Citizenship, and Social Studies Skills.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Identify significant explorers, such as Christopher Columbus, Francisco Coronado, Sir Francis Drake, Ferdinand Magellan, and Samuel de Champlain, noting their accomplishments.
- Understand how conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence.
- Understand political and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century, including changes resulting from the Industrial Revolution, and explain how these changes led to conflict among sections of the United States.
- Describe the causes and effects of the Civil War and its aftermath.
- Apply geographic tools, including maps, legends, and symbols.
- Locate and describe U.S. regions made up of various groups of states, such as New England and the Great Plains.

Additionally, students will gain practice in report-writing and story-writing, covering topics like proverbs, the Pledge of Allegiance, frontier life, inventions, and more.

UNIT 1: Exploring the New World	
Assignments	
1. Course Overview	12. Project: Prayer of Thanksgiving*
2. Exploration Tools	13. New England Colonies
3. Maps	14. Middle Colonies
4. Quiz 1	15. Southern Colonies
5. Viking and Portuguese Explorers	16. Quiz 3
6. Spanish Explorers	17. Special Project*
7. English Explorers	18. Review Game
8. French Explorers	19. Test
9. Dutch Explorers	20. Alternate Test*
10. Quiz 2	21. Reference
11. Early Settlements	

Unit 2: Colonial American Life	
Assignments	
History and Geography 500	1. Life in New England Colonies
	2. Project: Family Tree*
	3. New England Clothing and Schools
	4. New England Crafts
	5. New England Worship and Activities
	6. Quiz 1
	7. Life in the Middle Colonies
	8. Benjamin Franklin: A Successful Man
	9. Benjamin Franklin: A Good Citizen
	10. Project: Bible Proverbs
	11. Project: Franklin Proverbs*
	12. Quiz 2
	13. Life in the Southern Colonies
	14. Southern Activities and Worship
	15. Quiz 3
	16. Special Project*
	17. Review Game
	18. Test
	19. Alternate Test*
	20. Reference

Unit 3: Thirteen Colonies Become a Nation	
Assignments	
History and Geography 500	1. A Search for Freedom
	2. Problems With England
	3. Quiz 1
	4. War of Independence
	5. Project: Johnny Cakes*
	6. Independence Declared
	7. A Turning Point Reached
	8. Essay: Revolutionary War*
	9. Quiz 2
	10. Victory Declared
	11. A New Nation
	12. Quiz 3
	13. Democracy
	14. Project: Pledge of Allegiance
	15. Quiz 4
	16. Special Project*
	17. Review Game
	18. Test
	19. Alternate Test*
	20. Reference

Unit 4: New Lands and Troubled Times	
Assignments	
History and Geography 500	1. The Louisiana Purchase
	2. Project: Colonies Map Activity*
	3. The War of 1812
	4. Project: Star Spangled Banner*
	5. Expansion from Sea to Sea
	6. Project: Map of the United States*
	7. Project: America the Beautiful*
	8. Project: Current Event*
	9. Quiz 1
	10. Life on the Frontier
	11. Life on the New Frontier
	12. Project: Living in the Frontier
	13. Quiz 2
	14. Problems Between the North and the South
	15. A Great Nation Divided by War
	16. The Aftermath of the Civil War
	17. Quiz 3
	18. Special Project*
	19. Review Game
	20. Test
	21. Alternate Test*
	22. Reference

Unit 5: The United States Becomes a World Leader	
History and Geography 500	Assignments
	1. Inventions and New Ideas
	2. Development of Power
	3. Technological Advancements
	4. Project: Conservation*
	5. Quiz 1
	6. Industrialization
	7. Power Struggles
	8. Quiz 2
	9. Immigration and Urbanization
	10. Report: Biography
	11. Essay: Government Money*
	12. Quiz 3
	13. Special Project*
	14. Review Game
	15. Test
	16. Alternate Test*
17. Reference	

Unit 6: United by Transportation and Communication	
History and Geography 500	Assignments
	1. Progress of Transportation in Early America
	2. Land Transportation
	3. Water Transportation
	4. Quiz 1
	5. Project: Family Travel*
	6. Steamboat and Rail Transportation
	7. Project: Tom Thumb*
	8. Progress of Transportation After 1800
	9. Air Transportation
	10. Quiz 2
	11. Progress of Communication in America
	12. Printed and Postal Communication
	13. Electronic Communication
	14. Project: Skit*
	15. Modern Communication and the Government
	16. Report: Invention
	17. Quiz 3
	18. Special Project*
	19. Review Game
	20. Test
	21. Alternate Test*
22. Reference	

Unit 7: The United States- One Nation With Many Regions	
History and Geography 500	Assignments
	1. The New England States
	2. The Middle Atlantic States
	3. The Southern States
	4. Report: State
	5. Quiz 1
	6. The Midwestern States-Part 1
	7. The Midwestern States-Part 2
	8. Project: Captain's Diary*
	9. Project: Atlas Work*
	10. The Western States
	11. Quiz 2
	12. Alaska
	13. Hawaii and U.S. Island Possessions
	14. Quiz 3
	15. Special Project*
	16. Review Game
	17. Test
	18. Alternate Test*
19. Reference	

Unit 8: Our Southern Neighbors	
History and Geography 500	Assignments
	1. Mexico: Contrasts in Geography
	2. Mexico: Contrasts in Cultures
	3. Mexico: Contrasts in Daily Life
	4. Quiz 1
	5. Essay: Influence*
	6. Central America: Contrasts in Geography
	7. Report: Continental Divide
	8. Central America: Contrasts in Culture
	9. Central America: Contrasts in Daily Life
	10. Quiz 2
	11. Caribbean Islands
	12. Quiz 3
	13. Special Project*
	14. Review Game
	15. Test
	16. Alternate Test*
17. Reference	

Unit 9: Canada- Our Northern Neighbor		
Assignments		
History and Geography 500	1. Giant of the North	11. Spirit of Friendship
	2. Mosaic of People	12. Report: Hudson Bay Company
	3. Project: Inuits*	13. Government and Unity
	4. Searchers of Gold, Glory, and Spices	14. Provinces of Canada
	5. Project: Play*	15. Quiz 3
	6. Quiz 1	16. Special Project*
	7. Glory of New France	17. Review Game
	8. A Century of Trial	18. Test
	9. Canadian Confederation	19. Alternate Test*
	10. Quiz 2	20. Reference

Unit 10: Review		
Assignments		
History and Geography 500	1. European Countries and Explorers	11. Quiz 3
	2. New World Colonies-Part 1	12. Mexico
	3. New World Colonies-Part 2	13. Central America, Caribbean Islands, Canada
	4. Quiz 1	14. Quiz 4
	5. War for Independence	15. Special Project*
	6. Expansion and More War	16. Review Game
	7. Quiz 2	17. Test
	8. Industrialization, Immigration, Urbanization	18. Alternate Test*
	9. Communication and World Leadership	19. Reference
	10. The United States	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment