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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	
History and Geography 500	1. Course Overview
	2. Exploration Tools
	3. Maps
	4. Quiz 1
	5. Viking and Portuguese Explorers
	6. Spanish Explorers
	7. English Explorers
	8. French Explorers
	9. Dutch Explorers
	10. Quiz 2
	11. Early Settlements
12. Project: Prayer of Thanksgiving*	
13. New England Colonies	
14. Middle Colonies	
15. Southern Colonies	
16. Quiz 3	
17. Special Project*	
18. Review Game	
19. Test	
20. Alternate Test*	
21. Reference	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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