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SCHOOLHOUSE

# Course Catalog

History and Geography 500

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## 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.

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 1: EXPLORING THE NEW WORLD	
		Assignment Titles	
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		

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 2: COLONIAL AMERICAN LIFE	
		Assignment Titles	
1.	Life in New England Colonies	11.	Project: Franklin Proverbs*
2.	Project: Family Tree*	12.	Quiz 2
3.	New England Clothing and Schools	13.	Life in the Southern Colonies
4.	New England Crafts	14.	Southern Activities and Worship
5.	New England Worship and Activities	15.	Quiz 3
6.	Quiz 1	16.	Special Project*
7.	Life in the Middle Colonies	17.	Review Game
8.	Benjamin Franklin: A Successful Man	18.	Test
9.	Benjamin Franklin: A Good Citizen	19.	Alternate Test*
10.	Project: Bible Proverbs	20.	Reference

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 3: THIRTEEN COLONIES BECOME A NEW NATION	
		Assignment Titles	
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

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 4: NEW LANDS AND TROUBLED TIMES	
		Assignment Titles	
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

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 5: THE UNITED STATES BECOMES A WORLD LEADER	
		Assignment Titles	
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		

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 6: UNITED BY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION	
		Assignment Titles	
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

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 7: THE UNITED STATES - ONE NATION WITH MANY REGIONS	
		Assignment Titles	
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		

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 8: OUR SOUTHERN NEIGHBORS	
		Assignment Titles	
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		

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 9: CANADA - OUR NORTHERN NEIGHBOR	
		Assignment Titles	
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

HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY 500		UNIT 10: REVIEW	
		Assignment Titles	
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 alternate assignment