

<b>History</b>
<b>Historical Thinking and Skills</b>
I understand and can explain that primary and secondary sources are used to examine events from multiple perspectives and to present and defend a position.
<b>Colonization to Independence</b>
I understand and can explain that North America, originally inhabited by American Indians, was explored and colonized by Europeans for economic and religious reasons.
I understand and can explain that competition for control of territory and resources in North America led to conflicts among colonizing powers.
I understand and can explain that the practice of race-based slavery led to the forced migration of Africans to the American colonies, and that their knowledge and traditions contributed to the development of those colonies and the United States.
I understand and can explain that the ideas of Enlightenment and dissatisfaction with colonial rule led English colonists to write the Declaration of Independence and launch the American Revolution. (2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter)
<b>A New Nation</b>
I understand and can explain that the outcome of the American Revolution was national independence and new political, social and economic relationships for the American people.
I understand and can explain that problems arising under the Articles of Confederation led to debate over the adoption of the U.S. Constitution.
I understand and can explain that actions of early presidential administrations established a strong federal government, provided peaceful transitions of power, and repelled a foreign invasion. (3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter)
<b>Expansion</b>
I understand and can explain that the United States added to its territory through treaties and purchases.
I understand and can explain that westward expansion contributed to economic and industrial development debates over sectional issues, war with Mexico and the displacement of American Indians.

<b>Civil War and Reconstruction</b>
I understand and can explain that disputes over the nature of federalism, complicated by economic developments in the United States, resulted in sectional issues, including slavery, which led to the American Civil War.
I understand and can explain that the Reconstruction period resulted in changes to the U.S. constitution, and affirmation of federal authority and lingering social political differences.

<b>Geography</b>
<b>Spatial Thinking Skills</b>
I can use modern and historical maps and other geographic tools to analyze how historic events are shaped by geography.
<b>Human Systems</b>
I understand and can explain that the availability of natural resources contributed to the geographic and economic expansion of the United States, sometimes resulting in unintended environmental consequences.
I understand and can explain that the movement of people, products and ideas resulted in new patterns of settlement and land use that influenced the political and economic development of the United States.
I understand and can explain that cultural biases, stereotypes and prejudices had social, political and economic consequences for minority groups and the population as a whole.
I understand and can explain how Americans began to develop a common national identity among its diverse regional and cultural populations based on democratic ideals.

<b>Government</b>
<b>Civic Participation and Skills</b>
I understand and can explain that participation in social and civic groups can lead to attainment of individual and public goals.
I understand and can explain that informed citizens understand how media and communications technology influence public opinion.
<b>Roles and Systems of Government</b>
I understand and can explain that the U.S. constitution established a federal system of government, a representative democracy and a framework with separation of powers and checks and balances.
I understand and can explain that the U.S. Constitution protects citizens' rights by limiting the powers of government.

<b>Economics</b>
<b>Economic Decision Making and Skills</b>
I understand and can explain that choices made by individuals, businesses and governments have both present and future consequences.
<b>Production and Consumption</b>
I understand and can explain that the Industrial Revolution fundamentally changed the means of productions as a result of improvements in technology, use of new power resources, the advent of interchangeable parts and the shift from craftwork to factory work.
<b>Markets</b>
I understand and can explain that governments can impact markets by means of spending, regulations, taxes and trade barriers.