

Quarter	Unit	Topics
1	Our Colonial Heritage (review)	In this unit, students will learn/review prior learning about European Explorers and the early American colonies, including: • who the American Indians were and how they interacted with Europeans. • who traveled to the Americas and why. • what life was like for people in the colonies.
1	Revolution in the Colonies	In this unit, students will learn about how and why the American Revolution happened as well as its effects, including: • the ideas and events that led to the American Revolution. • the Declaration of Independence and its importance. • the events that allowed the Continental army to defeat Great Britain.
2	Forming A New Nation	In this unit, students will learn about the development of the American constitutional democracy, including: • what the Articles of Confederation were and why they were replaced. • how and why the Constitution was created and its structure and content. • what protections the Bill of Rights gives American citizens.
2/3	Launching the New Republic	In this unit, students will learn about the people, events, and ideas that shaped America in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, including: • new conflicts that emerged about the role of government. • what challenges America faced to its authority and legitimacy. • what life was like for people in the Early Republic.

3	An Expanding Nation	In this unit, students will learn about the divergent paths of the American people from 1800-1850, including: • manifest destiny, the desire to move West, and the explorers of the new frontier. • the role that geography played in U.S. expansion. • the settlement of the trans-Mississippi West and the American nationalism that surged along with it. • the unique men and women that came to the West, and how they traveled there. • the Gold Rush that drew thousands of immigrants and led to California's statehood. • the influence that the West held on politics, people, culture, and the economy. • the impact and legacy of Andrew Jackson's leadership and Jacksonian Democracy. • the struggles of American Indians during this time and along the Trail of Tears. • Mexican settlements and the relationship between Mexico and the United States.
3	Americans in the Mid-1800's	In this unit, students will learn about life in America in the mid-1800s, including: • the increased contrast, interdependence, and interconnectedness among the Northeast, South, and West. • the market revolution and the changing role of government during this time. • the importance of viewing historical events empathetically. • the inventions and urbanization that led to the Industrial Revolution. • the effect of the Industrial Revolution on family life and gender roles. • the impact of Mill women on the nation's economy.

4	The Union Challenged	In this unit, students will learn about the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War, including: • the issue over slavery and westward expansion. • the secession of states and the establishment of the Confederate States of America. • the events of the Civil War. • the end of slavery and the Reconstruction Era.
4	Migration and Industry	In this unit, students will learn about the rise of industry and migration in America, including • the effect that industrialization and urbanization had on the nation's economy, population, lands, and overall development. • the Gilded Age and its effects, such as monopolies. • the impact immigration had on the nation's workforce, population, and social structure. • urbanization and its effects. • the growth and development of the West and Southwest, and how it affected the treatment of American Indians. • the National Grange and Populist movement. • the economic expansion in California. • the rise of discrimination and restrictions towards immigrant workers and new citizens.