

5TH GRADE
WHAT IS THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

HISTORY

COLONIZATION AND SETTLEMENT

What are the reasons people settled in North America?

Why were Africans brought to the colonies?

How was life different from one colony to another?

What challenges did settlers face in the new world?

INDEPENDENCE

What were the causes of the American Revolution?

What is the Declaration of Independence? Why is it important to the founding of our nation?

Compare/contrast perspectives of the Loyalists, Neutralists, and Patriots.

FOUNDING THE NATION

What were the challenges facing the new nation?

How did the colonies change as they established themselves into one nation?

What were the major challenges among the colonies as they created a nation?

WESTWARD EXPANSION

What events caused the US to rapidly increase in size?

Why did people choose to move westward?

What challenges did different cultures face during the westward movement?