

## History and Geography 500

History and Geography 500 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.

### Objectives:

- 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, and inventions.

Unit 1: Exploring the New World	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Course Overview
	2. Exploration Tools
	3. Maps
	4. Quiz 1: Exploration Tools
	5. Viking and Portuguese Explorers
	6. Spanish Explorers
	7. English Explorers
	8. French Explorers
	9. Dutch Explorers
10. Quiz 2: European Explorers	
11. Early Settlements	
12. New England Colonies	
13. Middle Colonies	
14. Southern Colonies	
15. Project: Mapping*	
16. Quiz 3: Thirteen Colonies	
17. Special Project*	
18. Test	
19. Alternate Test*	
20. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 2: Colonial American Life	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Life in New England Colonies
	2. Project: Family Tree*
	3. New England Clothing and Schools
	4. New England Crafts
	5. New England Activities
	6. Quiz 1: Life in the New England Colonies
	7. Life in the Middle Colonies
	8. Benjamin Franklin: A Successful Man
	9. Benjamin Franklin: A Good Citizen
10. Essay: Franklin Proverbs*	
11. Quiz 2: Life in the Middle Colonies	
12. Life in the Southern Colonies	
13. Southern Activities	
14. Essay: Historical Accuracy*	
15. Quiz 3: Life in the Southern Colonies*	
16. Special Project*	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test*	
19. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 3: Thirteen Colonies Become a New Nation	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. A Search for Freedom
	2. Problems with England
	3. Quiz 1: A Search for Freedom
	4. War of Independence
	5. Independence Declared
	6. A Turning Point Reached
	7. Essay: Revolutionary War*
	8. Quiz 2: War of Independence
	9. Victory Declared
	10. A New Nation
	11. Quiz 3: A New Nation
	12. Democracy
	13. Project: Pledge of Allegiance
	14. Report: Government Leaders*
	15. Quiz 4: Democracy
	16. Special Project*
	17. Test
	18. Alternate Test*
19. Glossary and Credits	

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

Unit 5: The United States Becomes a World Leader	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Inventions and New Ideas
	2. Development of Power
	3. Modern Explorations
	4. Essay: Conservation*
	5. Quiz 1: Inventions and New Ideas
	6. Industrialization
	7. Power Struggles
	8. Quiz 2: Industrialization
	9. Immigration and Urbanization
	10. Essay: Biography
	11. Essay: Government Money*
	12. Quiz 3: Immigration and Urbanization
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Alternate Test*
16. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 6: United By Transportation and Communication	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Progress of Transportation in Early America
	2. Land Transportation
	3. Water Transportation
	4. Quiz 1: The Progress of Transportation in Early America
	5. Essay: Family Travel*
	6. Steamboat and Rail Transportation
	7. Essay: Tom Thumb*
	8. Progress of Transportation After 1800
	9. Air Transportation
	10. Quiz 2: The Progress of Transportation After 1800
	11. Progress of Communication in America
	12. Printed and Postal Communication
	13. Electronic Communication
	14. Essay: Skit*
	15. Modern Communication and the Government
	16. Essay: Inventions
	17. Quiz 3: The Progress of Communication in the United States
	18. Special Project*
	19. Test
	20. Alternate Test*
21. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 7: The United States- One Nation with Many Regions	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. The New England States
	2. The Middle Atlantic States
	3. The Southern States
	4. Report: State
	5. Quiz 1: the Northeast and South
	6. The Midwestern States (Part 1)
	7. The Midwestern States (Part 2)
	8. Report: Captain's Diary*
	9. Project: Atlas Work*
10. The Western States	
11. Quiz 2: The Midwest and West	
12. Alaska	
13. Hawaii and U.S. Island Possessions	
14. Quiz 3: Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Island Possessions	
15. Special Project*	
16. Test	
17. Alternate Test*	
18. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 8: Our Southern Neighbors	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Mexico: Contrasts in Geography
	2. Mexico: Contrasts in Cultures
	3. Mexico: Contrasts in Daily Life
	4. Quiz 1: Mexico: Country of Contrasts
	5. Essay: Spanish and Native American Influence*
	6. Central America: Contrasts in Geography
	7. Essay: Continental Divide
	8. Central America: Contrasts in Culture
	9. Central America: Contrasts in Daily Life
10. Quiz 2: Central America: Region of Contrasts	
11. Caribbean Islands	
12. Quiz 3: Caribbean Islands	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Alternate Test*	
16. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 9: Canada: Our Northern Neighbor	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. Giant of the North
	2. Mosaic of People
	3. Essay: Inuits*
	4. Searchers of Gold, Glory, and Spices
	5. Essay: Explorers Play*
	6. Quiz 1: Geography, People, and Early Exploration
	7. Glory of New France
	8. A Century of Trial
	9. Canadian Confederation
10. Quiz 2: Colonies: French and British	
11. Spirit of Friendship	
12. Essay: Hudson Bay Company	
13. System of Government and Challenge of Unity	
14. Provinces of Canada	
15. Quiz 3: Modern Nation and Close Friend	
16. Special Project*	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test*	
19. Glossary and Credits	

Unit 10: Review	
History and Geography 500	<b>Assignments</b>
	1. European Countries and Explorers
	2. New World Colonies (Part 1)
	3. New World Colonies (Part 2)
	4. Quiz 1: Exploring and Colonizing the New World
	5. War for Independence
	6. Expansion and More War
	7. Quiz 2: The United States From Colony to Nation
	8. Industrialization, Immigration, Urbanization
	9. Communication and World Leadership
10. The United States	
11. Quiz 3: The United States - A Great Nation and World Leader	
12. Mexico	
13. Central America, Caribbean Islands, Canada	
14. Essay: American's Creed*	
15. Quiz 4: Neighboring Nations	
16. Special Project*	
17. Test	
18. Alternate Test*	
19. Glossary and Credits	