



5th GRADE UNITED STATES

**Textbook: UNITED STATES
ADVENTURES IN TIME AND PLACE**
McGraw Hill

This class introduces students to the early history of the United States from the Native Americans coming to the continent, through exploration and colonization. It concludes with the quest for freedom through the Revolutionary War and the founding of a new nation. We will study the Constitution of the United States in September, as the state requires, but will again go into more details at the end of the year when we reach the historical time period. We are beginning the year with a review of state and capitals and geographical terms.

Materials: Students will need a spiral notebook, colored pencils, pens, pencils, and a ruler.

Assignments: Much of our work will be done in small groups using discussion and worksheets. Textbook readings will be given in preparation for discussions. When reading is given as homework, students should take notes and study the information so as to be ready to actively participate in class. Homework will be assigned almost every night but will not be too extensive. A daily assignment is to spend some time either listening to or watching news broadcasts. Newspaper reading is greatly encouraged.

All assignments are expected to be turned in when due. Late assignments will not be accepted for full credit. Late or missing assignments will be noted in the student's assignment notebook or will be in a sign and return note form. Please check and sign the assignment notebooks nightly.

It is important that your child be in school every day. For outstanding situations, a note from home will help with an extension for illness, absence, etc. If students are absent, they may request their work upon their return.

Tests/Quizzes: Tests and quizzes will be given at the end of each unit. Quizzes may be given after homework reading assignments. A variety of testing will be used such as, multiple choice, matching, and essay.

<u>Grading Scale:</u>	100-97	A	76-73	C
	96-93	A-	72-70	C-
	92-89	B+	69-65	D+
	88-85	B	64-62	D
	84-81	B-	61-60	D-
	80-77	C+	59-	U

Participation: Participation will be an important part of this class and will be included as part of the quarterly grade. It is very important that the students understand and can apply the concepts presented. Discussion is one of the ways to assess their understanding. Students should be prepared to participate in discussions on reviewed topics, homework readings, and daily news.