

2nd
Marking Period
2012

5th Grade Social Studies

The United States and Canada: Shaped by History



This marking period, the 5th graders will be exploring the events that shaped the United States and Canada of today. We will begin with the early history including the arrival of the Europeans and Independence. Then we will discover the causes and effects of both Western Expansion and the Civil War. Next we will cover the Industrial Revolution, the World Wars, the Cold War, Civil Rights, and terrorism. Lastly we will look at the history of Canada and the United States and Canada of today. The students will be exposed to many different media forms in order foster a connection to these events that seem so distant.

One media form we will be using frequently is film/television. We will be watching some episodes of *Liberty's Kids*, an animated series from PBS that retells the events that lead up to the American Revolutionary War. Please feel free to provide your child with the opportunity to watch the whole series as we will only have time to watch a few episodes. All the episodes can be found on

YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/user/LibertysKidsTV/videos?view=0> .

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