

Fifth Grade

The History of America (from 1850)

Fifth grade students will learn about the challenges facing the new nation, with an emphasis on the causes, course, and consequences of the Civil War and Industrial America. They will explore the major military, economic, social and political events of the early twentieth century, such as World War I and the Great Depression. Students will describe the key events and accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States and the nation's growing role in world affairs, from World War II to modern day. In addition, they will analyze structures of power and authority and develop civic efficacy, which requires understanding rights, responsibilities, ethical behavior, and the role of citizens within their community, nation, and world. Students will use geographic tools to locate and analyze information about people, places, and environments in Tennessee and the United States.

Students will further study the unique historical, economic, social, and cultural developments of Tennessee, and learn how our state impacted our nation and the world. Students will develop research, analytic, and critical thinking skills through the evaluation of evidence, interpretation of primary sources, and the construction of sound historical arguments and perspectives.

Prior to Civil War

Students summarize the events leading up to the Civil War.

5.1 Compare and contrast the myth of the Antebellum South to the realities of the region including the harshness of slavery, increased immigration to urban areas, and growth of railroads.

5.2 Interpret the sectional differences between the North and the South in economics, transportation, and population.

5.3 Use primary sources to analyze multiple samples of abolition leaders' writing and their stance on slavery, including: Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, the Grimke sisters, William Lloyd Garrison.

5.4 Draw on information from multiple print or digital resources explaining the events that made slavery a national issue during the mid 19th century including: Missouri Compromise, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Compromise of 1850, Brook's attack on Sumner, Kansas Nebraska Act, John Brown's Raid, Dred Scott Case.