

Social Studies Curriculum

Grade 3

Important Concepts

- Exploration is and how it led to the discovery of new places, cultures, and resources
- Geographic tools used to describe the human and physical features in an area
- People's view of the world before the 1400's
- People/events that led to the age of exploration
- Europeans' coming to America during the 1400-1600's
- The effects of immigration on the values, beliefs, and perspectives of a community
- 13 colonies: location, geography
- The influence of people's location of settlement on their customs, way of life and conflicts
- Colonial life
- Hardships that were faced at early colonial settlements and how did the colonists overcome them
- Representative governments in colonial America
- Relationship between the Native and the colonists
- The impact that the triangular trade route had on the economies of all three colonial regions
- Some of the economic factors that led to the growth of plantations and slavery
- The important leaders during colonial America and how one person can make an impact on an entire colony
- The interdependency of the economies of Great Britain and the American colonies
- Conflict between Great Britain and the American colonies and how the conflict lead to the American Revolution
- The impact of the American Revolutionary War on major social, economic, and political changes in the American colonies
- The impact of individuals on the development of a nation

Vocabulary

explore(r)
timeline
discover
compass
map
globe
claim
voyage
perspective
colony(nist)
timeline
settle(er)
region
geography
trade
govern(ment)
economy
immigrate (immigration)
leader
parliament
tax
revolution
nation
independence
surrender
treaty