

Connecting Themes/Enduring Understandings Used in 5th Grade Social Studies

Students should be able to demonstrate understanding of selected themes (depending on the course) using knowledge and skills acquired during the school year. Understanding of these themes is not the end product of a single unit or lesson, but the product of long term, ongoing instruction. The bold terms represent the connecting themes that appear in multiple units throughout this course. Enduring understandings transcend specific units and courses and increase student understanding and retention of knowledge.

- **Beliefs and Ideals:** The student will understand that the beliefs and ideals of a society influence the social, political, and economic decisions of that society.
- **Conflict and Change:** The student will understand that when there is conflict between or within societies, change is the result.
- **Distribution of Power:** The student will understand that distribution of power in government is a product of existing documents and laws combined with contemporary values and beliefs.
- **Individuals, Groups, and Institutions:** The student will understand that the actions of individuals, groups, and/or institutions affect society through intended and unintended consequences.
- **Location:** The student will understand that location affects a society’s economy, culture, and development.
- **Movement/Migration:** The student will understand that the movement or migration of people and ideas affects all societies involved.
- **Production, Distribution, Consumption:** The student will understand that the production, distribution, and consumption of goods/services produced by the society are affected by the location, customs, beliefs, and laws of the society.
- **Technology Innovation:** The student will understand that technological innovations have consequences, both intended and unintended, for a society.

1st 9 Weeks

2nd 9 Weeks

Unit/Title	Unit 1: Connecting Themes	Unit 2: Citizenship, Business, and the Government	Unit 3: Bigger, Better, Faster: The Changing Nation	Unit 4: War and Prosperity: World War 1 and the 1920's.	Unit 5: The Great Depression and the New Deal
GSE For Social Studies	NA	SS5CG1, SS5CG2, SS5E2, SS5E3	SS5H1, SS5E1b and d, SS5E2b, SS5G1, SS5G2	SS5H2, SS5CG3a, SS5E1c, SS5G1	SS5H3, SS5E2
Key Concepts	Beliefs & Ideals Conflict & Change Distribution of Power Individuals, Groups & Institutions	Citizen’s Rights & Responsibilities The Amendment Process Voting Rights	Cowboys & Cattle Trails The US Becomes a World Power Flight, Phones, Electricity, and Science Advances	World War I The Jazz Age The Harlem Renaissance Baseball, Flight, and the	Stock Market Crash The Great Depression The New Deal Programs Music, Literature, and

	Location Movement/Migration Production, Distribution & Consumption Technology & Innovation	The Sectors of the Economy Consumers and Producers in the Economy	Immigration The Panama Canal Economics and Price Industrialization	Automobile	Sports in America The Dust Bowl
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3rd 9 Weeks

4th 9 Weeks

Unit/Title	Unit 6: Another World War	Unit 7: War Turns Cold	Unit 8: Civil Rights Address Civil Wrongs	Unit 9: United States from 1975 to the Digital Age	Unit 10: Building a Budget
GSE For Social Studies	SS5H4, SS5G1, SS5E1a	SS5H5, SS5CG3	SS5H6, SS5G1, SS5CG3	SS5H7	SS5E1, SS5E2 SS5E3, SS5E4
Key Concepts	Causes of World War II Leaders of World War II Major Events World War II Women and African Americans or Blacks during the War Eleanor Roosevelt & the UN	The Rise of Communism and the Iron Curtain Wars to Stop the Spread of Communism Important Events to Stop Communism and Protect America Important Figures During the Cold War NATO	Jim Crow Laws Important Civil Rights Events Important Civil Rights Leaders Assassinations of Important American Figures Technology Advances in Space and Entertainment	Collapse of the Soviet Union The role of Ronald Reagan Events of September 11, 2001 and impact on American life Impact of personal computer and Internet	Trade, Opportunity Cost Price Incentive Specialization Productivity 4 major sectors: Household Private Business Bank Government Consumers Producers Personal Budget