

## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Social studies is an intrinsic part of Seventh-day Adventist education and serves to amplify and enrich the curriculum through presenting an awareness of God's hand in the affairs of men and of man's obligations to serve others.

The Adventist worldview accepts the Bible as the standard by which everything else is measured. Four key concepts emerge from a biblical worldview that can be used as a lens for curriculum development, as well as informing the essential questions and big ideas of any content area: Creation (What is God's intention?), Fall (How has God's purpose been distorted?), Redemption (How does God help us to respond?), and Re-creation (How can we be restored in the image of God?).

... "The primary purpose of social studies is to help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world."

Fifth grade will study the development of the United States as a nation through the ravages of the Civil War.

### **Text:**

**Discovering Our Past**

**A History of The United States –Early Years**

**A History of The United States –Early Years Workbook**

**McGraw Hill**

This outline is based on North American Division (NAD) Curriculum Standards in correlation with New York State Standards.

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES TEN MAJOR THEMES/STANDARDS**

1. Culture
2. Time, Continuity, and Change

3. People, Places, and Environments
4. Individual Development and Identity
5. Individuals, Groups, and Institutions
6. Power, Authority, and Governance
7. Production, Distribution, and Consumption
8. Science, Technology, and Society
9. Global Connections
10. Civic Ideals and Practices

### **NAD THEMES /STANDARDS**

#### **Essential Question:**

1. What role does culture play in God's plan for our relationships with others?

Big Idea:

Human beings should create, learn about, share, and adapt to cultural diversity and perspectives in an interconnected world within God's plan

#### **Essential Question:**

2. What role does God play in the development of communities, nations, and the world? Big Idea: God is active in history and ultimately His unfolding plan will triumph.

### **3. STANDARDS (NGSS ALIGNMENT) Utilize relevant and appropriate biblical and Seventh-day Adventist historical references.**

**Essential Question:** How does God respond to man-made changes in the environment and their impact on human life?

4. Big Idea: The damage that sin has done to the earth causes God pain and injures humans; however, God, who created and sustains the world, has promised to restore the Earth and humans to their original harmony

**5. Essential Question:** What role does choice play in the development of individual identity? Big Idea: God created humans with the power of choice and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide us as we make choices that shape our development.

**6. STANDARDS (NGSS ALIGNMENT) utilize relevant and appropriate biblical and Seventh-day Adventist historical references**

**Essential Question: What is the role of the Seventh-day Adventist church?**

Big Idea: The church is God's agent to reach individuals, groups, and institutions with the good news of the gospel.

**Essential Question:** What is the foundation of the sovereignty of God and how does it compare to the sovereignty of human government?

7. Big Idea: Unlike human government, God's power, authority, and governance are absolute and rooted in His everlasting love.

8. STANDARDS (NGSS ALIGNMENT) Utilize relevant and appropriate biblical and Seventh-day Adventist historical references. Essential Question: How does God expect us to use the resources He has provided? Big Idea: God supplies all of our needs and allows us to choose to be responsible stewards

9. How has God enabled humans to develop science and technology to improve society?

Big Idea: God designed humans with wisdom, inquiring minds, and varied talents to discover ways to enrich life. STANDARDS (NGSS ALIGNMENT) Utilize relevant and appropriate biblical and Seventh-day Adventist historical references. Essential Question: How do global issues and connections impact the gospel commission? Big Idea: God expects us to use global connections to address world issues through service to others, while sharing the good news of His love and His imminent return.

**10. Essential Question:** According to the Scriptures, what are the civic responsibilities of a Christian to the government of God and the governments of man? Big Idea: Followers of Jesus have a dual citizenship with responsibility first to God and then to civil authorities.

## **Discovering Our Past: A History of the United States: Early Years**

### **SEPTEMBER**

Introduction- Thinking like a Historian  
Chapter 1- The First Americans  
Chapter 2-Exploring the Americas

### **October**

Chapter 3- Colonial America  
Chapter 4-Life in the American Colonies  
Chapter 5- The Spirit of Independence

### **NOVEMBER**

Chapter 6 The American Revolution  
Chapter 7 A More Perfect Union

### **DECEMBER**

Chapter 8 The Constitution  
Chapter 9 The Federalist Era

### **JANUARY**

**Chapter 10 The Jefferson Era**  
**Chapter 11 Growth and Expansion**

### **FEBRUARY**

Chapter 12 The Jackson Era  
Chapter 13 Manifest Destiny

### **MARCH**

Chapter 14 North and South  
Chapter 15 The Spirit of Reform

### **APRIL & MAY**

Chapter 16 Toward Civil War  
Chapter 17 The Civil War

### **REVIEW/ TEST**