

**Social Studies
Grade 5**

Unit	Big Ideas Understandings	Assessment
America Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Constitution was written to create an effective form of government for the United States. ● The Constitution endures because it balances power, fosters compromise, and provides for change. ● The Bill of Rights protects the rights and liberties of Americans from potential abuses by the government. ● Citizens play an active role in making government work. 	Unit projects
Colonial America	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Colonists were governed by a Mother Country, yet often the colonists governed themselves. ● Geographic differences contributed to each colonies economic development. ● Diverse religious beliefs and cultures defined communities within a colony. 	Unit projects
A Country is Born: Revolutionary War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Countries are the creation of the people within a society. ● People, either collectively or individually, can effect change. ● Change has both costs and benefits. 	Unit projects