

SAINT JOSEPH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

United States History, Geography, Economics, and Government: Early Exploration to Westward Movement

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		Essential Questions	Books & Materials				Civics and	Economics	Pre-Columbian	The Political,	The Revolution and	The Principles and	The First Four
SEPTEMBER	Our Land and Regions É Review map skills- Political, physical, elevation, historical, special purpose, and current events maps É Market Economy- Supply and demand, free market economy, banking, technology É Participating in our Government. What is government? U.S. Constitution, politics, citizenship	What are the five themes of Geography? What is government? What are the different kinds of maps?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country, maps, globes	Look around you at the beauty God has created. Have you taken time to appreciate all we have been given?	1, 3, 4, 5, 6	8							
OCTOBER	The First Americans É Ancient American Civilization Cultures, living off land, how they arrived in North America É Adapting to Different Places Native economies, changing the land, ways of life É Native American Cultures Culture, daily life, childrens roles, leaders and rules, government, religion Cooperation and Collaboration	How does the environment shape how we live?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country, varying picture books and historical fiction or non fiction resources	How are the beliefs of some of the native American tribes the same and different than that of our own Catholic faith?								5.2	
NOVEMBER	Age of Exploration É Technology Shapes Exploration Vikings, searching for riches, navigation tools, shipbuilding, Portuguese explorers É Explorers for Spain Columbus, Cortés, Magellan, Coronado, settling in the Americas É The Columbian Exchange Changing ways of life, harmful effects, cultures collide É Using Timelines	Why do people explore?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country, iPads for research and presentation purposes, encyclopedias, non fiction books	How can we connect many of the places established by the Spanish to our religion?	1, 2, 7							5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4	
DECEMBER	Settlements Take Roots É Spanish Colony in the Americas- New Spain, St. Augustine, Cooperation and conflict É The English Colonies in Virginia- Jamestown É Pilgrims and Puritans in New England Pilgrims and natives, life in Plymouth and mass bay É The French and Dutch in North America- French traders, Dutch in New Netherlands É Decision Making	Why do people leave their homelands?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country iPads for research and presentation purposes, encyclopedias, non fiction books	Why did many people feel the journey was worth the risk? How is this similar in our faith journey?								5.4, 5.5, 5.6	
JANUARY	Life in the Colonies É New England, Middle and Southern Colonies- geography of English Colonies É Daily Life in the Colonies- resources, imports, exports, society, artisans, craftspeople É Slavery in the Colonies- slave trade, North vs. South, fighting back É The French and Indian War- King Phillips War, war b/w Britain and France, British victory Compare viewpoints- identify different viewpoints, understand subjects, understand views on same subject	What does it take to build a new society?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country iPads for research and presentation purposes, encyclopedias, non fiction books, historical fiction trade books	Compare and Contrast the religion of those living in the colonies with our own.								5.7, 5.8, 5.9	5.10, 5.11, 5.12

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FEBRUARY													
	<p>The American Revolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> É Tensions with the British- Taxes, Stamp Act, Townshend Act, boycotts, Sons and Daughters of Liberty, repeals É The Colonists Rebel- Boston Massacre, express riders, Boston Tea party, Loyalists, Patriots, Representatives meet, Militia, Patrick Henry, Paul Revere, Sam Adams, Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill É Declaring Independence- setting up our government of our own, Common Sense, Declaration of Independence, Independence Day, Jefferson, John Adams, Ben Franklin. É On the Battlefield and at Home- First victories of war, mercenaries, Fort Ticonderoga, Ethan Allen and Green Mountain Boys, George Washington, Washington Crosses the Delaware, battle of Saratoga, Valley Forge, benedict Arnold, Women of the Revolution, Native Americans of the Revolution É Winning Independence- advantages and allies, strategies of each side, fighting spreads throughout colonies, Fort Vincennes and George Rogers Clark, , Nathaniel Greene, African Americans 	What is worth fighting for?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country, iPads for research and presentation purposes, encyclopedias, non fiction books, historical fiction trade books	How did religion and personal beliefs play a role in the American Revolution? Who in the bible had trouble standing up for who/what they believed in?		3	8			5.13,5.14,5.15	5.16,5.17,5.18,		
MARCH													
	<p>A New Nation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> É Articles of Confederation- New government, branches of government, ratify, weak National government, inflation, tax revolt, New land for new states, ordinances É Creating the Constitution- Delegates, Constitutional Convention, opinions of Articles of Confederation, Virginia Plan vs. New Jersey Plan, debates, New plan for Government, Preamble, Separation of Power, Checks and Balances, Limiting Government, vetoes, Powers of government (State vs. National) É The Bill of Rights- Federalists vs. Anti-Federalists, Ratifying the Constitution, Amendments, Due Process, Protecting rights, Ten Amendments É Key Concepts of the Constitution- Popular Sovereignty, Democracy, Civic responsibility, Justice, rules of law, Judicial Review, Domestic Tranquility, Military Branches, General welfare, Secure Liberty, Amending the Constitution, Presidential Seal- ðOut of Many, Onð É Using the Internet to search for important information 	What is the purpose of government?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country iPads for research and presentation purposes, encyclopedias, non fiction books	How are the Ten Commandments like the Bill of Rights?		8, 9, 10				5.19,5.20, 5.21,5.22	5.23,5.24, 5.25, 5.26, 5.27		
APRIL													
	<p>The Young Nation Grows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> É Washington Takes Office- Inauguration, Electoral College, cabinet, First Political Parties, Building a Strong Economy, tariffs, new Capitol, Washington and John Adams É Jefferson and the Louisiana Purchase- Moving West, Pioneers, Frontier, Louisiana Purchase, Napoleon Bonaparte and Thomas Jefferson, Lewis, Clark, Sacajawea É The War of 1812- leading up to War, Impressment of ships, Tecumseh, War with Great Britain, War at Sea, Battles on Land, National Anthem, Fighting for New Orleans, return of Peace, Nationalism É Native Americans and the Trail of Tears- Monroe Doctrine, Foreign Policy, Conflict over Florida, President Andrew Jackson, Indian Territory and the fight for it, Trail of Tears É Women and African Americans Fight for Freedom-Famine, Slavery spreads to the West, Abolition, Women in the Work force, Reform, Seneca Falls Convention É Evaluate Websites for reliable information and accuracy 	How do leaders shape a nation?	Pearson, My World Social Studies, Building our Country iPads for research and presentation purposes, encyclopedias, non fiction books	Who leads us in our faith? What does it take to be a leader? Who should we always follow?								5.28, 5.29, 5.30	

