

Loyalsock Township School District

Benchmarks: What Students Should Know and Be Able to Do

Social Studies

Topic: World/United States Geography

Students will use a map to identify physical features of the United States. They will discuss cartography and learn about Alexander von Humboldt. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standard: 7.1.5.A.

Topic: United States and Regions

Students will learn about the natural regions of the United States. They will discuss physical features such as mountains, plains, and plateaus. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 7.4.5.A, and 7.4.5.B.

Topic: American Indian Nations

Students will discuss ancient civilizations/historic tribes and compare cultural aspects by region. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 6.1.5.A, 6.1.5.B, 6.1.5.C, 6.1.5.D, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.3.5.A, 8.3.5.A, and 8.3.5.B.

Topic: How Did It All Begin?

Students will examine and understand the causes and effects of European colonization in the United States beginning in 1565. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.A, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.A, and 8.3.5.B.

Topic: Spanish and Portuguese Explorers

Students will discover the process of exploration by focusing on motives and accomplishments of early Spanish and Portuguese explorers. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.A, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.A, and 8.3.5.B.

Topic: English and French Explorers

Students will discover the process of exploration by focusing on motives and accomplishments of early French and English explorers. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.A, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.A, and 8.3.5.B.

Topic: Dividing the New World

Students will know some benefits of interaction among American Indians, explorers, and colonists and will discuss the Columbian Exchange. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 6.4.5.B, 6.1.5.A, 6.1.5.B, 6.1.5.C, 6.1.5.D, 6.2.5.A, 6.2.5.B, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Early English Colonies

Students will study early English colonies— Roanoke, Jamestown and Plymouth. 6.1.5.A, 5.3.5.F, 5.3.5.G, 6.1.5.B, 7.4.5.A, 7.4.5.B, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.B

Topic: New England Colonies

Students will study the New England colonies including Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Middle Colonies

Students will study the Middle Colonies including New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.2.5.A, 8.2.5.B, 8.2.5.C, 8.2.5.D, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Southern Colonies

Students will study the Southern Colonies including Georgia, Virginia, Maryland, and the Carolinas. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Slavery in the Colonies

Students will discuss Triangular Trade and slavery in the colonies. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.2.5.A, 6.1.5.C, 6.1.5.D, 6.2.5.A, 6.2.5.B, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 7.4.5.A, 7.4.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: The American Revolution

Students will study the mounting tension and events that led up to the American Revolution. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.2.5.A, 5.3.5.F, 5.3.5.G, and 5.4.5.B.

Topic: Declaring Independence

Students will discuss some important events of 1775 and the writing/signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.1.5.D, 5.1.5.F, 5.2.5.A, 5.2.5.B, 5.2.5.C, 5.3.5.F, 5.4.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.2.5.B, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: The Revolutionary War

Students will study the events of the American Revolution, focusing on George Washington as the commander of the Continental Army. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.2.5.B, 5.3.5.F, 5.4.5.B, 8.2.5.D, and 8.3.5.D.

Topic: Growing Pains

Students will discuss some of the problems facing the new nation—a weak central government, Shays' rebellion and the need for a national currency. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.1.5.D, 5.1.5.F, 5.2.5.A, 5.2.5.B, 5.2.5.C, 5.3.5.F, 5.4.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.2.5.B, 8.2.5.C, 8.2.5.D, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: The Constitution

Students will define a constitution, understand the rights/ responsibilities of a United States citizen, and explain our system of checks and balances. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.1.5.D, 5.1.5.F, 5.2.5.A, 5.2.5.B, 5.2.5.C, 5.3.5.A, 5.3.5.F, 5.4.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.2.5.B, 8.2.5.C, 8.2.5.D, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Plans for the New Government

Students will demonstrate their understanding of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence and will compare Federalist and Anti-Federalist views of government. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.1.5.D, 5.1.5.F, 5.2.5.A, 5.2.5.B, 5.2.5.C, 5.3.5.A, 5.3.5.B, 5.3.5.C, 5.3.5.D, 5.3.5.F, 5.4.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.2.5.B, 8.2.5.C, 8.2.5.D, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Government of the People

Students will explain the structure and function of government. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.1.5.D, 5.1.5.F, 5.2.5.A, 5.2.5.B, 5.2.5.C, 5.3.5.A, 5.3.5.B, 5.3.5.C, 5.3.5.D, 5.3.5.F, 5.4.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.2.5.B, 8.2.5.C, 8.2.5.D, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.A.

Topic: Louisiana Purchase

Students will study and describe the events leading up to, during and resulting from the Louisiana Purchase. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: War of 1812

Students will explain the causes/ effects of the War of 1812 and the effects of westward expansion on American Indians. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 5.1.5.F, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.B, 8.3.5.D, 8.4.5.A, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Early Westward Expansion

Students will recognize the influential people of westward expansion and be able to describe the contributions they made. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.B, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Westward Ho!

Students will study the westward trails through secondary and primary sources, including journal entries of children who made the journey. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.B, and 8.4.5.B.

Topic: Industry vs. Agriculture

Students will examine life in the North and South in the first half of the 19th century. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.A, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.A.

Topic: Conflicts and Compromises

Students will discuss the conflicts that eventually led to the Civil War, such as the Compromise of 1850, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the 1860 election of Abraham Lincoln. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.2.5.A, 5.3.5.F, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.A, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.A.

Topic: The Civil War

Students will discuss the secession of southern states and the beginning of the Civil War. They will study the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.2.5.A, 5.3.5.F, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.A, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.A.

Topic: The War Continues

Students will continue their study of the Civil War. They will discuss some battles of the war and the role of women as nurses, seamstresses, and sometimes as soldiers and spies. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.2.5.A, 5.3.5.F, 7.1.5.A, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.B, 8.1.5.C, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.A.

Topic: Reconstruction

Students will examine Lincoln's plan to reunite the North and South and read about his assassination in 1865. They will learn about the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments. This topic addresses the following PA Academic Standards: 7.1.5.B, 5.1.5.C, 5.1.5.E, 5.1.5.A, 5.1.5.B, 5.1.5.D, 5.3.5.E, 5.4.5.B, 7.2.5.A, 7.2.5.B, 7.3.5.A, 8.1.5.A, 8.3.5.A, 8.3.5.C, 8.3.5.D, and 8.4.5.A.