



## **Grade 5**

The fifth grade social studies curriculum's emphasis is on the geographic, economic, and social/cultural understandings related to the Western Hemisphere: United States, Canada, and nations in Latin America today. It builds on and reinforces geographical and political content about the U.S. with a particular emphasis on contemporary examples of case studies to help students understand the content.

- Compare the structures and functions of the governments of Canada, Latin America and the U.S.
- Analyze legal historical and political documents
- Explain the effects of economy in the United States, Canada, and Latin America by analyzing the concepts of scarcity supply and demand, markets, resources, productivity and economic growth
- Research, and present an argument from different viewpoints on the influence of the developments in science and technology in global economics, and its effect on standard of living
- Compare cultures of the Western Hemisphere
- Examine Western Hemispheres interdependence economically & geographically
- Identify key turning points & events in the histories of Canada, Latin America, & the U.S.
- Explain the impact of industrialization, development and urbanization on Canada, Latin America and the United States
- Examine changes in political boundaries and geological processes and its effect on the physical environment of the United States