



# PreAP Social Studies 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

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To access the Harcourt Social Studies textbook go to: <http://www.eharcourtschool.com/>  
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## **Description:**

Fifth grade social studies encompass' the 8 strands of social studies: American history; government; economics; geography; culture; citizenship; science and technology in society; and social studies skills.

## **Goals:**

The student will demonstrate a basic knowledge of:

1. History, government & economics of the U.S. from their early beginnings to the present.
2. Basic geography of U.S. and impact of various cultures on the growth of America.
3. The significance of fundamental rights and responsibilities of American citizens.
4. Critical thinking skills to organize and use information correctly from a variety of sources, including electronic technology.

## **Requirements:**

Class attendance and participation; maintenance of a classroom interactive notebook; teachers will also require various reports and projects throughout the year. Students will use planners for communication and must return them signed daily.

## **Resources & Course Calendar/ Schedule:**

Please see [www.mansfieldisd.org](http://www.mansfieldisd.org), Curriculum and Instruction, Social Studies 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Pacing Guide and Scope & Sequence. The first CBA will be given the week of Sept 25. Other important dates will be sent home throughout the year.

**GRADING POLICY:** *Grading periods will be figured by averaging daily class participation, quizzes, major tests, hands-on projects, homework, and writing assignments.*

### Intermediate School Grading Guidelines:

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

Below 70 = Failing

I = Incomplete ("I" is not an academic grade, but indicates incomplete work.)

Citizenship grades: E = Excellent, S = Satisfactory, N = Needs Improvement, U = Unsatisfactory.

Categories 50% - Daily Assignments/Quizzes 40% - Major Tests/Projects/CBAs 10% - Homework

Number of Grades Each Grading Period: 10 minimum, with 2 minimum per category. Grades will be posted in Skyward within five business days with exception to lengthy projects or writing assignments.

### Semester Grades

Semester grades are computed by averaging the numerical grades recorded for each of the three grading periods within the semester. The three grading periods will equal 100% of the student's grade (33.3% per grading period). Credit is awarded at the end of the academic year. \* Semester exams are not administered at the intermediate level.

UIL Eligibility ("No Pass/No Play") may be used to determine eligibility for competitions and/or field trips.

- Each grading period will stand alone for eligibility purposes.
- A student who is declared academically ineligible after a grading period will be able to regain eligibility if all the student's grades average 70% or higher at the next grade reporting period.

**TEST RETAKES:** Students will be allowed to retake a failed major test within a reasonable time during the same grading period for up to a grade of 70. Students should make an arrangement with the teacher for retesting and/or tutorials.

**LATE WORK GRADING:**

- 1 - class day late--maximum grade of 85
- 2 - class days late-- maximum grade of 70
- 3 - class days or more late--teacher's discretion

**ABSENCES & MAKE-UP WORK:** It is the student's responsibility to ask his/her teacher for make-up work and return it in a timely manner. Students will be granted one make-up day for each day absent to complete missed work on time before late work policy will be instituted. Make-up tests should be arranged with the teacher.

**CLASS PARTICIPATION:** Students are expected to participate actively in class daily through reading, discussion, note taking, group assignments, and keeping their Social Studies notebook updated. Lack of active participation may result in earning a lower grade on tests, notebook checks, and group work.

**RESOURCES for PARENTS:** Parents are encouraged to set up an account with Skyward, the district's grade reporting site. Skyward will make it easy for parents to monitor your child's grades during the school year. To set up an account, go to [www.mansfieldisd.org](http://www.mansfieldisd.org) to locate the Skyward link. Grades and assignments are updated on the site weekly by teachers. Paper copies of Grade Reports will be sent home, but not progress reports.

**ACADEMIC DISHONESTY:** Using another student's written work or answers as your own, sharing your work with another person to claim as their own, or copying another person's written work, word for word, or from a publication or internet resource is dishonest and will not be tolerated. A grade of zero or F will be given for the plagiarized assignment, homework, test, or other work that is not really your work.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_