

Domain-Based Unit Overview

Title of Domain: From Colonies to Independence, Grade 1

Learning Time: 11 days

Big Idea

The thirteen colonies evolved slowly over time, from dependence on England and then Great Britain to independence as a new nation.

What Students Need to Learn

- 1. The location of the thirteen colonies
- 2. The significance for the Boston Tea Party
- 3. Paul Revere's ride: "One if by land, two if by sea"
- 4. Minutemen and Redcoats: "the shot heard 'round the world"
- 5. Declaration of Independence by Thomas Jefferson and how it relates to the Fourth of July
- 6. Legend of Betsy Ross and the American flag
- 7. Contributions of Benjamin Franklin
- 8. The role of George Washington
- 9. Nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

MN Academic Standards

Pre-Assessment

- 1. Locations of Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, the North and South Poles, and seven continents
- 2. History of the Pilgrims and founding of Plymouth colony
- 3. Vocabulary: colony, harbor



Domain Lesson 1	The Thirteen Colonies
MN Academic	1.8.2.2, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.4.4, 1.3.2.3.1, 1.4.1.2.2, 1.8.1.1
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: Identify the 13 colonies, and describe people who lived in them
Vocabulary	colonies, controlled, tea, colonists, borrowed, Parliament, sales tax
Procedure	1. Show world map, explain that we'll be learning about how
	America gained independence from England, point to America's
	east coast and England
	2. Read chapter 1 "The Thirteen Colonies", pausing to ask questions
	and elaborate
	3. Turn and talk: Why were the colonists angry with Great Britain?
	4. Show Thirteen American Colonies video- 4:15 duration
	5. Activity- Map of the 13 Colonies (AP1.3) refer to video to help
	students identify the regions of each colony
	6. Extension: 13 colonies song
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 2	The Boston Tea Party
MN Academic	1.8.4.4, 1.3.0.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: Identify what the Boston Tea Party was, and why it occurred
Vocabulary	governor, harbor, keep order
Procedure	1. Review names and locations of 13 colonies
	2. Sing 13 Colonies song, pointing to each colony as its sung
	3. Read chapter 2: The Boston Tea Party, pausing to ask questions
	and elaborate
	4. Ask and answer questions on pg. 29
	5. Activity: show video: Schoolhouse rock: Tea Party: No More
	Kings
	6. Activity: show video: Liberty Kids: episode 101: The Boston Tea
	Party
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 3 The Colonies Unite



MN Academic	1.8.2.2, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.4.4
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: define patriot
	SWBAT: explain why people became patriots
Vocabulary	unite, loyal, Patriot
Procedure	 Review colonies (names and location), review whey the Boston Tea Party happened Read chapter 3: The Colonies Unite, pausing to ask questions and
	elaborate 3. Class discussion: What did the leaders of the colonies do after the Boston Tea Party?
	4. Activity: As a class, write a letter to King George explaining why we're unhappy, have the students sign the bottom of the completed letter
	5. Extension: watch Liberty Kids: episode 102: Intolerable Acts6. Extension: watch Liberty Kids: episode 103: First Continental Congress
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 4	Paul Revere
MN Academic	1.3.0.2, 1.8.2.2, 1.8.4.4
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: define the phrase "One if by land, two if by sea"
Vocabulary	cannonballs, gunpowder, weapons, tower, lantern, shore, countryside
Procedure	1. Review why the boston tea party took place, and what the patriots
	did after
	2. Read chapter 4: Paul Revere pausing to explain and elaborate
	(include definition of minutemen which is not in book)
	Minutemen: patriots who always kept their weapons beside them
	to be ready in a minute to fight the redcoats
	3. Activity: Exit ticket, what does one if by land, two if by sea mean
	4. Activity: Act out the scene (need: redcoats, minutemen, paul
	revere, watchmen)
	5. Activity: Watch Liberty Kids: episode 105: Midnight Ride
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	One if by land, two if by sea
Writing	If Applicable



Domain Lesson 5	The American Revolution Begins
MN Academic	1.8.4.4, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.2.2
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: define what the shot heard 'round the world means
	SWBAT: state why the American Revolutionary War began
Vocabulary	American Revolution, arrested, stand their ground, retreat
Procedure	1. Review events leading up to the war
	2. Read chapter 5: The American Revolution Begins , pausing to ask questions and elaborate
	3. Watch video: Schoolhouse rock: The Shot Heard 'Round the World
	 4. Activity: students write a newspaper article: The Boston Gazette. Students may write about any event that has occurred thus far 5. Extension: Watch Liberty Kids: episode 106: The Shot Heard 'Round the World
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	The Shot Heard 'Round the World
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 6	Colonial Leaders Meet Again
MN Academic	1.8.2.2, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.4.4
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: state why the Declaration of Independence was written
	SWBAT: identify the author of the Declaration of Independence
Vocabulary	ruled, nation, independence, Declaration of Independence, government,
	equal rights, treason, defeated, Loyalists
Procedure	1. Review the beginning of the American Revolution
	2. Show a nickel: explain who the man is, and what Monticello is.
	State that today we'll learn about why Thomas Jefferson is
	remembered, and why he's important to our history
	3. Read chapter 6: Colonial Leaders Meet Again pausing to ask and answer questions
	4. Activity: teach song: The Redcoats are Coming (pg. 55)
	5. Activity: show video: Schoolhouse rock: The Declaration
	6. Extension: watch Liberty Kids: episode 114: The First Fourth of
	July
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable



Domain Lesson 7	Benjamin Franklin
MN Academic	1.8.2.2, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.4.4
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: list some of Benjamin Franklin's accomplishments
Vocabulary	printer, fire department, post office, invented, stove, lightning rod,
	seasons
Procedure	1. Show a pair of bifocal glasses: explain that today we'll learn
	about the man who invented these
	2. Read chapter 7: Benjamin Franklin pausing to elaborate further
	3. Activity: Benjamin Franklin activity
	4. Extension: watch Liberty Kids: episode 130: In Praise of
	Benjamin Franklin
Poetry	If Applicable
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 8	George Washington and the Fight for America
MN Academic	1.8.2.2, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.4.4, 1.8.1.1
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: describe George Washington's roles during and after the
	American Revolution
Vocabulary	untrained, lose hope, surprise attack, courage, victory, president, First
	Lady
Procedure	1. Show a dollar bill: ask if any one knows who the man is
	2. Explain that today we'll be learning about George Washington
	and what he did during and after the American Revolution
	3. Read chapter 8: George Washington and the Fight for America
	pausing to elaborate
	4. Turn and talk: how would you describe George Washington?
	5. Class discussion: what are some things George Washington is
	remembered for?
	6. Activity: watch Schoolhouse Rock: No More Kings
	7. Extension: watch Liberty Kids: episode 119: Across the Deleware
Poetry	Washington by Nancy Turner
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	"Practice makes perfect."
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 9	Washington, D.C., and American Symbols
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MN Academic	1.8.2.2, 1.3.0.2, 1.8.4.4
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: list American symbols
Vocabulary	symbols, capital city, avenues, Stars and Stripes, Seal of the President
Procedure	1. Show map of U.S and locate Washington, D.C
	2. Define capital and symbol
	3. Read chapter 9: Washington, D.C and American Symbols
	pausing to ask and answer questions and elaborate
	4. Activity: virtual field trip of Washington, D.C
	5. Activity: AP 9.1 Color America's first flag
	6. Extension: watch The History of Betsy Ross video
Poetry	
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 10	Review Day
MN Academic	
Standards	
Objectives	SWBAT: recall facts about the American Revolution
Vocabulary	
Procedure	1. Review learned items
	2. Activity: American symbols quilt
	3. Activity: Class book
Poetry	
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 11	Assessment, Upcoming unit pre assessment
MN Academic	Identify which MN Academic Standards are addressed in this domain. If
Standards	this is a science domain, just include science and writing standards.
	(Eventually we will contain other subject standard ~ 2-3 years)
Objectives	SWBAT: recall facts about the American Revolution
Vocabulary	
Procedure	Take From Colonies to Independence assessments
	2. Take next unit pre-assessment
Poetry	
Nonfiction	From Colonies to Independence
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

