

Domain-Based Unit Overview

Title of Domain: Americans Moving West, Grade 2

Learning Time: 11 days

Big Idea

The development of major transportation systems accelerated westward expansion and contributed to the demise of Native American way of life.

What Students Need to Learn

- Pioneers Head West
 - New means of travel: Robert Fulton, invention of the steamboat; Erie Canal; transcontinental railroad
 - Routes west: wagon trains on the Oregon Trail
 - The Pony Express
- Native Americans
 - Forced removal to reservations: the Trail of Tears
 - The effects of near extermination of bison on the Plains Native Americans
 - Some Native Americans displaced from their homes and ways of life by railroads (the "Iron Horse")
 - Sequoyah and the Cherokee alphabet

MN Academic Standards

2.3.1.1.3 Use maps, photos or other geographic tools to identify and locate major landmarks or major physical features of the United States.

2.3.1.1.4 Use maps, photos, or other geographic tools to answer basic questions about where people are located.

2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's lives have changed over time.

2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history, daily life or beliefs of its people.

Pre-Assessment



Domain Lesson 1	Going West by Land and By River
MN Academic	2.3.1.1.4 Use maps, photos, or other geographic tools to answer basic
Standards	questions about where people are located.
Objectives	-Understand that early American settlers began to move west once the
	initially settled areas along the East Coast of the United States became
	more populated.
	-Understand that early American settlers who moved west traveled in
	many different ways, including by land and on rivers.
Vocabulary	Settlers, frontiers, trails, oxen, flatboats, motors, sails, and keelboat.
Procedure	- Read "Chapter 1: Going West by Land and by River" from the Student
	Book. Follow along with the teacher manual, asking students questions
	as you read from the student book.
	- After reading the chapter, show students images of patchwork quilts.
	Tell students they will each be creating patchwork quilts for the entire
	unit. Each lesson a new quilt square will be created based on the chapter
	read. For this chapter, the quilt square should be based on settlers going
	west. Encourage students to write vocabulary words or important terms
	or people from the chapter. The center drawing should be of a flat boat.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 2	Going West by Steamboat and Canal
MN Academic	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
Standards	lives have changed over time.
Objectives	-Identify Robert Fulton as the inventor of the steamboat.
-	-Understand how the invention of steamboats and canals enabled more
	people to move west.
Vocabulary	Steam engine, invented, canal, governor, canal locks, barrel, and crops.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 2: Going West by Steamboat and Canal" from the
	Student Book. Follow along with the teacher manual, asking students
	questions as you read from the student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of a steam boat.
	-Show students the following videos: "200 Years on the Erie Canal" and
	"Story of Us: Steamboats" which are found on CKHG online resources.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable

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Writing	<i>If Applicable</i>
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Domain Lesson 3	The Oregon Trail
MN Academic	2.3.1.1.3 Use maps, photos or other geographic tools to identify and
Standards	locate major landmarks or major physical features of the United States.
Objectives	-Explain what the Oregon Trail was and where it was located.
	-Describe what life was like on the Oregon Trail.
Vocabulary	-Midwest, Great Plains, fur traders, route, wagon trains, and supplies.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 3: The Oregon Trail" from the Student Book. Follow
	along with the teacher manual, asking students questions as you read
	from the student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of a wagon train.
	-Show students the video "Oregon Trail - Story of Us" from CKHG
	online resources.
	-Play the Oregon Trail Game as a class.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 4	The California Gold Rush
MN Academic	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
Standards	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Explain what the California Gold Rush was.
Vocabulary	Gold, sawmill, businesses, mine, gravel, and denim.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 4: The California Gold Rush" from the Student Book.
	Follow along with the teacher manual, asking students questions as you
	read from the student book Quilt square: Encourage students to write
	vocabulary words or important terms or people from the chapter. The
	center drawing should be of a miner panning for gold.
	-Show students the video "The California Gold Rush Cartoon" from
	CKHG online resources.
	-Play 'The Experience the Gold Rush' as a class.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

 Domain Lesson 5
 The Pony Express

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MN Academic	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
Standards	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Explain the purpose of the Pony Express and how it worked.
Vocabulary	Businessmen, record time, and telegraph.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 5: The Pony Express" from the Student Book. Follow
	along with the teacher manual, asking students questions as you read
	from the student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of a rider on a horse.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	<i>If Applicable</i>
Writing	<i>If Applicable</i>

Domain Lesson 6	The Arrival of the Railroad
MN Academic	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
Standards	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Explain what the transcontinental railroad was and why it was
	important.
Vocabulary	Tracks, transcontinental railroad, immigrants, spike, and Iron Horse.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 6: The Arrival of the Railroad" from the Student Book.
	Follow along with the teacher manual, asking students questions as you
	read from the student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of a locomotive/train.
	-Play "I've Been Working on the Railroad" and "The Ballad of John
	Henry" and "The Brave Engineer" from CKHG online resources.
	Discuss the legends/tall tales of Casey Jones and John Henry.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 7 Life Out West



MN Academic	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
Standards	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Explain the different type of work cowboys did out west.
Vocabulary	Cattle, ranches, cowboys, corral, and saddle.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 7: Life Out West" from the Student Book. Follow along
	with the teacher manual, asking students questions as you read from the
	student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of a cowboy.
	-Watch the video "Pecos Bill Read Aloud" from the CKHG online
	resources.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	<i>If Applicable</i>
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 8	The Trail of Tears and the Death of the Bison
MN Academic	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
Standards	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Describe the Trail of Tears.
	-Describe how bison were important to Native Americans who lived on
	the Great Plains.
	-Explain why the bison disappeared.
	-Explain what effect the settlers had upon the Native Americans.
Vocabulary	March, bison, hides, tepees, fuel, leather, and reservations.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 8: The Trail of Tears and the Death of the Bison" from
	the Student Book. Follow along with the teacher manual, asking students
	questions as you read from the student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of the Trail of Tears.
	-Watch the video "The Cherokee Trail of Tears" from CKHG online
	resources.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

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Domain Lesson 9	Sequoyah and the Cherokee Language
MN Academic	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
Standards	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Explain Sequoyah's invention of the written Cherokee language.
Vocabulary	Communicate, symbols, system of writing, and syllables.
Procedure	-Read "Chapter 9: Sequoyah and the Cherokee Language" from the
	Student Book. Follow along with the teacher manual, asking students
	questions as you read from the student book.
	- Quilt square: Encourage students to write vocabulary words or
	important terms or people from the chapter. The center drawing should
	be of symbols of the Cherokee alphabet.
	-Students will copy the Cherokee Alphabet to take home. Students will
	attempt to write their own names using the alphabet.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 10	Domain Review
MN Academic	2.3.1.1.3 Use maps, photos or other geographic tools to identify and
Standards	locate major landmarks or major physical features of the United States.
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	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Students review information in preparation for the domain test.
Vocabulary	Vocabulary from the entire domain.
Procedure	- Assemble the patchwork quilts for students to use to study for their
	assessment.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	<i>If Applicable</i>
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 11	Domain Test

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	2.4.1.2.1 Use historical records and artifacts to describe how people's
	lives have changed over time.
	2.4.2.4.2 Describe how the culture of a community reflects the history,
	daily life or beliefs of its people.
Objectives	-Students will demonstrate knowledge of domain.
Vocabulary	All domain vocabulary.
Procedure	Students will take the assessment.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable