

Domain-Based Unit Overview

Title of Domain: Exploring and Moving to America

Learning Time: 14 days

Big Idea

The story of American history includes Columbus, the Pilgrims, and the struggle for independence, as well as the shadow of slavery.

What Students Need to Learn

- 1. The Voyage of Columbus in 1492
 - how Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand funded Columbus's voyage
 - the Niña, Pinta, and Santa Maria
 - why Columbus used the terms Indies and Indians
 - why Europeans thought Columbus had found a new world
- 2. The Pilgrims
 - why the Pilgrims founded a colony
 - the Mayflower and Plymouth
 - how the Thanksgiving Day celebration came about
- 3. July 4, Independence Day
 - the birthday of the United States of America
- democracy (rule of the people): Americans wanted to rule themselves rather than be governed by a faraway king.
 - why freedom did not exist for all people in the new nation: some people were enslaved

MN Academic Standards

0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.

Pre-Assessment

Display a KWL chart on the smartboard and fill out together.

Domain Lesson 1 Chapter 1: Christopher Columbus: A Young Adventurer



MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards Objectives	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
Objectives	✓ Understand that when they were young boys, Christopher
	Columbus and his brother dreamed of becoming sailors. (SL.K.2,
	SL.K.3)
	✓ Understand that at the time Christopher Columbus lived, people
	did not know about all of the continents and oceans; some people
	thought Earth was flat and that if a ship sailed too far, it would fall
	off the edge of Earth. (SL.K.2, SL.K.3)
	✓ Understand the meaning of the following domain-specific
	vocabulary: adventure, adventurer, dock, sail, silk cloth, spices,
	captain, and sailors. (L.K.4, L.K.5)
Vocabulary	adventure, adventurer, dock, sail, silk cloth, spices, captain, sailors
Procedure	 Distribute copies of the World Map (AP 1.2), and tell students that you are going to quickly review the geography skills that they learned in the earlier Kindergarten CKHG units. (play 7 continents song) Distribute copies of the Student Book Exploring and Moving to America to the class, and tell students the title of the book. Ask students to look at the cover and describe what they see. Tell students that you are going to pretend that you have a special machine so that you can all travel back in time to visit Christopher Columbus when he was a boy in Italy. Ask students to close their eyes and make sure that they are "buckled in" so that they can travel back in time. Count backward, saying, "3 2 1 Back to Italy to meet Christopher Columbus!," and then ask students to open their eyes. Read through Chapter 1: pg. 2-4 pausing to discuss vocabulary and questions. Distribute copies of Letter to Family (AP 1.1) for students to take home.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable



Domain Lesson 2	
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MN Academic Standards	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to characterize eras and explain past events and change over time. 0.3.2.3.1 Places have physical characteristics (such as climate, topography and vegetation) and human characteristics (such as culture, population, political and economic systems).
Objectives	
	✓ Explain the different reasons why Christopher Columbus and
	others at this time wanted to go on long, dangerous voyages to
	the Indies. (SL.K.2, SL.K.3)
	✓ Explain Christopher Columbus's idea of how to get goods from
	the Indies back to Europe without having to travel across hot, dry
	deserts. (SL.K.2, SL.K.3)
	✓ Understand the meaning of the following domain-specific
	vocabulary: voyages, trade, camels, and the Americas. (L.K.4,
	L.K.5)
Vocabulary	Voyages, trade, camels, the Americas
Procedure	Day 1
Trocedure	 Distribute Student Book, begin Chapter 2 page 5 & 6 Review lesson objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. Cover pages 5 & 6 Point out Asia on a map (AP 1.2) TURN & TALK: Why did people in Christopher Columbus' time trade and why did they use spices? Optional: Bring in spices and silk and wool scarves to discuss trade in Europe Day 2: Review previous lesson and closing question Distribute Student Book, begin Chapter 2 pages 7, 8 and 9 Review lesson objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud on page 7, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. Cover pages 7, 8, 9



	 Show globe with the Americas covered up with sticky notes TURN AND TALK: What was Christopher Columbus's idea?
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 3	Chapter 3: Christopher Sails West
MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
	0.3.2.3.1 Places have physical characteristics (such as climate,
	topography and vegetation) and human characteristics (such as culture, population, political and economic systems).
Objectives	✓ Understand who King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were and
	the role they played in Columbus's voyage. (SL.K.2, SL.K.3)
	✓ Identify the names of Christopher Columbus's ships: the Niña,
	the Pinta, and the Santa Maria.
	(SL.K.2, SL.K.3)
Vocabulary	risky, tools, jewels, swords
Procedure	 Show students where Spain is on a world map
	 Review lesson objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud)
	Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary
	throughout
	TURN AND TALK—Who helped pay for Christopher's voyage
	west? Why?
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 4	The Voyage West
MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
	0.3.2.3.1 Places have physical characteristics (such as climate,
	topography and vegetation) and human characteristics (such as culture,
	population, political and economic systems).



Objectives	Describe what life what was like for Colombus and his sailors during
	their voyage west.
Vocabulary	decks, island, and diary
Procedure	Day 1: Remind students that in the last read aloud they heard about King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain. King Ferdinand and Queen played an important role in the voyage that Columbus wanted to make to the Indies. Ask students to describe what King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella did. Review lesson objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout TURN AND TALK—Why did the sailors want to go home? Day 2: Review what the sailors may have been afraid of for their voyage. Look at page 15 and direct them to look at the image and describe what is happening. Review lesson objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout TURN AND TALK—why did the sailors want to go home?
	Optional additional activity-
D (Be a Sailor on the Niña, Pinta, or Santa Maria- see teacher guide
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 5	Chapter 5: Exploring the Americas
MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
	0.3.2.3.1 Places have physical characteristics (such as climate,
	topography and vegetation) and human characteristics (such as culture,
	population, political and economic systems).
Objectives	✓ Identify what Columbus called the people he met on the island
	where he landed and why he used this name. (SL.K.4)



	✓ Understand that Columbus landed on and explored islands that
	were part of the continent of North America. (SL.K.4)
	✓ Understand the meaning of the following domain-specific
	vocabulary: tobacco plants and hero. (L.K.4, L.K.5)
Vocabulary	tobacco plants, hero
Procedure	 Distribute Student Books Introduce read aloud objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. TURN AND TALK—Why did Christopher mistakenly call the people he met "Indians"? Optional: Review lesson and Christopher Columbus Day through online resources (video and song - www.coreknowledge.org/ckhg-online-resources)
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 6	Chapter 6: The Pilgrims Search for a New Home
MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
	0.3.2.3.1 Places have physical characteristics (such as climate,
	topography and vegetation) and human characteristics (such as culture, population, political and economic systems).
Objectives	✓ Identify who visited the Americas first—the Pilgrims or
	Christopher Columbus. (SL.K.2)
	✓ Explain who the Pilgrims were and why they left their homes in
	England to search for a new home. (SL.K.2)
	✓ Identify the name of the ship on which the Pilgrims sailed.
	(RI.K.1)
Vocabulary	board, Pilgrims, worship, axes, saws, dried meat, hammocks
Procedure	Day 1: Read aloud
	Distribute Student Books
	 Introduce read aloud objective, big question, and key vocabulary
	(recall throughout read aloud)



	 Have students locate/approximate where England/Europe is on the world map Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. Students should follow along in their reader and look at pictures. TURN AND TALK—Why did the Pilgrims go to America? Day 2: Mayflower Activity Review what students know about the mayflower, why Pilgrims came to America, what their experience was like. Distribute copies of A Trip on the Mayflower (AP 6.1), scissors, glue sticks Have students sort the cut-out images into two piles: things useful to the Pilgrims and things that are from today. Then guide students to glue items on the trunk that would have been useful to the Pilgrims. As students paste their pictures, circulate around the room to help them understand some ways in which life was different long ago.
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620 by Ann McGovern
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Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 7	Chapter 7: On the Mayflower
MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
	0.3.2.3.1 Places have physical characteristics (such as climate,
	topography and vegetation) and human characteristics (such as culture,
	population, political and economic systems).
Objectives	
	Describe what the voyage on board the Mayflower was like for the
	Pilgrims at the start of the trip and then after the weather changed.
Vocabulary	sails, leaked, crow's nest
Procedure	 Distribute Student Books open to Chapter 7: On Board the
	Mayflower
	 Introduce read aloud objective, big question, and key vocabulary
	(recall throughout read aloud)
	Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary
	throughout.
	• TURN AND TALK—What was life like on the Mayflower?



	Optional: Mayflower Virtual Field Trip www.coreknowledge.org/ckhg-online-resources
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 8	Chapter 8: The Pilgrims Work Hard to Survive (2 days)
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	✓ Identify the name that the Pilgrims gave to the area where they
	landed in North America. (SL.K.2)
	✓ Describe the difficulties that the Pilgrims faced during their first
	winter in North America. (SL.K.2)
	✓ Identify the Native American who helped the Pilgrims, and
	describe how he helped them. (SL.K.2)
	✓ Describe what the Pilgrims did to celebrate their success in
	growing crops for food. (SL.K.4)
	✓ Understand the meaning of the following domain-specific
	vocabulary: survive, settle, crops, harvest, and feast. (L.K.4, L.K.5)
Vocabulary	survive, settle, crops, harvest, feast
Procedure	 Day 1 Distribute copies of the Student Book. Ask students to turn to page 28 of the Student Book and look at the image as you read aloud. Tell students that the title of this chapter is "The Pilgrims Work Hard to Survive." Introduce read aloud objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. TURN AND TALK—What holiday do we still celebrate today that is similar to the Pilgrims' celebration?
	Day 2 • History of Thanksgiving video • www.coreknowledge.org/ckhg-online-resources



	 Distribute copies of The First Thanksgiving (AP 8.1) for students to color. Remind students that the Pilgrims did not have the same foods that we have. Optional - churn butter and/or make corn bread
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 9	Chapter 9: American Independence
MN Academic	0.4.1.1.1 Historians generally construct chronological narratives to
Standards	characterize eras and explain past events and change over time.
Objectives	Explain why the people from England who came to live in America became angry with King George III of England. ✓ Explain what the Americans told King George III of England in the Declaration of Independence. ✓ Explain why July 4, Independence Day, is called America's birthday.
Vocabulary	settlers, laws, king, parliament, protested and independence
Procedure	 Distribute copies of the Student Book. Ask students to turn to page 33 of the Student Book and look at the image as you read aloud. Tell students that the title of this chapter is "American Independence" Introduce read aloud objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. TURN AND TALK—Why is July 4th celebrated as America's birthday?
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable

Domain Lesson 10	Chapter 10: Taken to America



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Objectives	 ✓ Understand why enslaved people were brought to America. (SL.K.2) ✓ Describe what life was like for the enslaved people who were forced to come to America. (SL.K.4)
Vocabulary	Africa, enslaved, rights, enslaved workers, slavery
Procedure	 Distribute Student Books Introduce read aloud objective, big question, and key vocabulary (recall throughout read aloud) Begin read aloud, pausing to ask questions and review vocabulary throughout. Students should follow along in their reader and look at pictures. TURN AND TALK—Did people from other places come to America for the same reasons?
Poetry	If Applicable
Fiction	If Applicable
Saying and Phrases	If Applicable
Writing	If Applicable