

# GR 8 Unit 06 An Expanding Nation

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **Marking Period 3**  
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## Unit Overview

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**Unit Title: An Expanding Nation**

### Chapters & Essential Questions:

15: Manifest Destiny and the Growing Nation (5 days)

How justifiable was U.S. expansion in the 1800s?

16: Life in the West (5 days)

What were the motives, hardships, and legacies of the groups that moved west in the 1800s?

17: Mexicano Contributions to the Southwest (5 days)

How have Mexicano contributions influenced life in the United States?

## Standards

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6.1.8.CivicsDP.4.a: Research and prioritize the most significant events that led to the expansion of voting rights during the Jacksonian period.

6.1.8.CivicsHR.4.a: Examine sources from a variety of perspectives to describe efforts to reform education, women's rights, slavery, and other issues during the Antebellum period.

6.1.8.GeoSV.4.a: Map territorial expansion and settlement, highlighting the locations of conflicts with and resettlement of Native Americans.

6.1.8.EconET.4.a: Analyze the debates involving the National Bank, uniform currency, and tariffs, and determine the extent to which each of these economic tools met the economic challenges facing the new nation.

6.1.8.EconET.4.a: Assess the impact of the Louisiana Purchase and western exploration on the expansion and economic development of the United States.

6.1.8.EconNE.4.a: Explain how major technological developments revolutionized land and water

transportation, as well as the economy, in New Jersey and the nation.

6.1.8.EconNE.4.b: Analyze how technological innovations affected the status and social class of different groups of people and explain the outcomes that resulted.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.4.a: Explain the changes in America's relationships with other nations by analyzing policies, treaties, tariffs, and agreements.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.4.b: Explain the growing resistance to slavery and New Jersey's role in the Underground Railroad.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.4.c: Analyze how the concept of Manifest Destiny influenced the acquisition of land through annexation, diplomacy, and war.

6.1.8.HistoryCC.4.d: Analyze the push-pull factors that led to increase in immigration and explain why ethnic and cultural conflicts resulted.

## **Materials/Activities/Resources**

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**Core materials:** History Alive! US through Industrialism

History Alive! US Through Industrialism Primary Source Library:

[https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/shared/programs/480/reference\\_materials?selected\\_unit\\_id=624&tag=Primary+Source+Library](https://subscriptions.teachtc.com/shared/programs/480/reference_materials?selected_unit_id=624&tag=Primary+Source+Library)

### **Supplemental Resources:**

Newsela Social Studies Compendium: <https://newsela.com/signin>

Flocabulary: [www.Flocabulary.com](http://www.Flocabulary.com)

- The Oregon Trail

- California Gold Rush

**Web Site Resources:** Newsela

**[NJ Mandated Curriculum Crosswalk Teacher Resources](#)**

## **Technology**

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- Screencastify
- Full list on district teacher page
- YouTube videos of mentor texts readings

## **Assessment**

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### **Formative Assessment**

- Teacher Observation
- Peer Editing
- Shared Writing
- Writer's Notebook
- Graphic Organizers / Student Forms
- Daily Lesson Checks and Correct & Redirect Opportunities in the Teacher's Guide
- Student Performance Checklist

### **Summative Assessment**

- Process Pieces
- Schoolwide Rubrics
- Student Publishing
- Student Self-Reflection

## **Accommodations & Modifications**

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### **Special Education**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support
- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **504**

- In class/pull out support with special ed teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

- Scribe
- Mixed Ability Grouping

### **ELL**

- Translation device/dictionary
- In class/pull out support with ESL teacher
- Additional time during intervention time
- Preferred seating
- Extended time for completing tasks
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **At-Risk of Failure**

- Additional time during intervention time
- Graphic organizers
- Vocabulary support

### **Gifted & Talented**

- Independent projects
- PEP/GEM class

## **Interdisciplinary Connections**

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Social Studies Connections: Storytelling

## **Social and Emotional Learning Connections**

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Learning Mindset: Self-Reflection, Noticing, Seeking Challenges, Purpose, Growth Mindset, Belonging

## **21st Century Life Literacies & Key Skills**

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Financial Health

Financial Landscape

Money Management

Career Awareness and Planning

Creativity and Innovation

Critical Thinking and Problem-solving

Digital Citizenship

Global and Cultural Awareness

Information and Media Literacy

Technology Literacy

Standards in Action: Climate Change

## **Career Ready Practices**

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- CRP1. Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee.
- CRP2. Apply appropriate academic and technical skills.
- CRP4. Communicate clearly and effectively and with reason
- CRP5. Consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of decisions.
- CRP6. Demonstrate creativity and innovation.
- CRP11. Use technology to enhance productivity.