



# Fifth Grade Overview

## First Semester

## Second Semester

### English

- Grammar: Review parts of speech, direct quotations, verb tenses, and sentence construction
- Vocabulary
- Writing: Research projects, essays, speeches, creative dialogue, letters
- Literature: *Where Do You Think You're Going*, *Christopher Columbus?*, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*, *Johnny Tremain*, *Ben & Me*

- Grammar: Plural nouns, contractions and apostrophes, review of parts of speech
- Vocabulary
- Writing: Research projects, essays, book reports, diary entries, and reflections
- Literature: *Children of the Wild West*, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Story of Harriet Tubman: Freedom Train*

### Social Studies

#### EARLY AMERICAN HISTORY

- Early explorers
- Christopher Columbus
- Pilgrims and colonial life
- Salem witch trials
- American Revolution
- The Constitution

#### AMERICAN HISTORY

- Westward expansion
- Pioneers and homesteaders
- The Civil War
- Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad
- Women in U.S. history

### Science

#### BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

- Scientific inquiry
- Ecosystems
- Population ecology
- Protecting animals
- Biomes
- Bodies of water
- Pollution and recycling

#### BASIC LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE

- Single-cell plants and animals
- Body tissues, systems, and structures
- Energy
- Expansion and contraction
- Light and sound energy
- Electricity
- Technology and design

### Math

- Review carrying, borrowing, place value, and long division
- Measuring time, adding and subtracting time
- Word problems
- Borrowing across zero and borrowing from a borrowed digit
- Bar graphs and line graphs
- Roman numerals
- Multiplying large numbers
- Squares and square roots
- Creating fractions with remainders

- Adding and subtracting money
- Adding and subtracting common fractions
- Equivalent fractions
- Reducing fractions
- Measuring weight
- Improper fractions and mixed numbers
- Adding and subtracting mixed numbers
- Common denominators