

WONDERS			Fifth Grade		Studies Weekly	
Wonders Big Idea and Unit	Weekly Concept and Essential Question	Inquiry Question/Research Question	Week	Wonders Stories	Studies Weekly Titles	Studies Weekly Summary
Unit 1: Eureka! I've Got It! Where can an idea begin?	Meeting a Need How do we get the things we need?	Money and Loans	Week 1	Finding a Way	Week 6- Life in the Americas Week	The focus this week is on meeting wants and needs with the resources available. Every individual needs shelter, food, water, and clothing. A vibrant society uses the resources around it to meet its needs and creates trade with others to meet other needs and wants.
				A Fresh Idea		
				One Hen		
				Banks: their Business and Yours		
	Trial and Error What can lead us to rethink an idea?	Great Inventions	Week 2	Shelter in a Storm	Week 7- American Indian Government and Trade	of indigenous people pre-European exploration. Outward appearances may differ, but the base of a society is its belief systems, trade, security, and communication. The many societies that existed prior to European contact were elaborate and sophisticated. Cities and extensive trade networks were established and are now being documented through
				Whitewater Adventure		
				Second Day, First Impressions		
	Seeing Yourself How can experienceing nature change the way you think about it?	National Parks	Week 3	Lost in the Museum Wings	Week 33- Expansion and Growth	across the continent and came under the control of the United States government. Movement and settlement are a result of geographic, government, religious, cultural, and economic factors. The students will also gain evidence to support how geography and economics drive the actions for governments and
				Capturing the Natural World		
				A Life in the Woods		
				Camping with the President		
	Inventions How does technology lead to creative ideas?	History of a Groundbreaking Invetion	Week 4	A Walk with Teddy	Week 32- America on the Move	Students will be investigating the energy and ideas of a new country. With revolution behind them and a government in place, the people have the opportunity to create their own future.
				Pioneer of Photogrpahy		
				Fantasy Becomes Fact		
				The Boy Who Invented TV		
	New technology What are the positive and negative effects of new technology?	Invention and Technology	Week 5	Time to Invent	Week 36- Guided Inquiry: Impact of Expansion and Growth on the United States	The building of the economy and increased transportation to get goods to market were vital for the reconstruction of the nation. Students will learn about the positive and negative effects that new technology and means of production had on the United States.
				A New Way to Read		
				Are Electronic Devices are Good for Us?		
				The Future of Transportation		
Unit 2: Taking the Next Step What does it take to put a plan into action?	Reching a Compromise What do good problem solvers do?	Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution	Week 1	Getting From Here to There	Week 27- The Founders and the Process Week 28- Constitution	The students will be examining the founding the United States and the Constitution of the United States of America. The Constitution limits the government and protects the individual rights of the people. The Constitution frames the civil rights of the citizens and defines the line between federal and state responsibilities.
				The Mayflower Compact		
				Creating a Nation		
				Who Wrote the U.S. Constitution?		
	Seeking the Answer What can you do to get. the information you need?	Fairy Tales	Week 2	Parchment and Ink		
				Jack and the king's Rainbow Fish		
				A Modern Cinderella		
				Where the Mountain Meets the Moon		
	Investigations How do we investigate questions about nature?	Careers in Nature	Week 3	Princess and the Pea		
				Thomas Moran, Landscape Painter		
				Growing in Place: The Story of E. Lucy Braun		
				The Boy Who Drew Birds		
	A Plan of Action When has a plan helped you accomplish a task?	Step by Step Planning	Week 4	Daedalus and Icarus	Week 29: The Bill of Rights	The students will examine the Bill of Rights to see the protection it provides for individual rights from government authority.
				Lost Lake and the Golden Cup		
				The Magical Lost Brocade		
				Blancaflor		
	Making it Happen What motivates you to accomplish a goal?	Poetry and Short Story Reviews	Week 5	From Table to Table		
				How to Make a Friend		
				A Simple Plan, Rescue		
				Stage Fright, Catching Quiet		
	Cultural Exchange What can learning about different cultures teach us?	Music or Dance Traditions	Week 1	Foul Shot	Week 9- The Age of Encounters Week 10- Consequences of Contact	Students will learn about the interactions between various cultures during the Age of Exploration.
				Food for Thought		
				A Reluctant Traveler		
				They Don't Mean It!		
	Being Resourceful How can learning about nature be useful?	Uses of a Natural Resource	Week 2	Where Did They Come From?	Week 12- The Colonies and Their Founding	of goods in each colony. The physical features and climate determined if there were small farms or large plantations. Geography and resources would also impact the number of people in the workforce that were necessary for a colony to be productive and
				Lucia the Hummingbird		
				Survivaland		
				Westlandia		

Unit 3: Getting from Here to There What kinds of experiences can lead to new discoveries?	Patterns	Patterns in nature	Week 3	Protective Patterns		
	Where can you find patterns in nature?			Patterns of Change		
				The Story of Snow		
				Fibonacci's Amazing Find		
	Teamwork	Different Kinds of Teams	Week 4	Teamwork in Space	Week 14- Plymouth	the Separatists from England and their settlement and establishment of Plymouth Colony in the Americas. Articles also examine who the Separatists were, the pattern of early governance established by the Mayflower Compact, and relations with the American Indians. Important American Indians and Separatist leaders who helped the colony survive are also
	What benefits come from people working as a group?			Gulf Spill Superheros		
				Winter's Tale		
				Helping Hands		
	Into the Past	Mysteries from the Past	Week 5	Puzzle from the Past	Week 11- Guided Inquiry: Explorations	
	How do we explain what happened in the past?			What Was the Purpose of the Inca's Strange Strings?		
				Machu Picchu: Ancient City		
				Dig This Technology!		
Unit 4: It's Up to You- How do we decide what's important?	Sharing Stories	Folktales and Fables from Other Cultures	Week 1	The Legend of John Henry		
	What kinds of stories do we tell? Why do we tell them?			How Mighty Kate Stopped the Train		
				Davy Crockett Saves the World		
				How Grandmother Spider Stole the Sun		
	Discoveries	Methods of Fingerprinting	Week 2	The Mystery Riddle		
	What can you discover when you give things a second look?			Where's Brownie?		
				A Window Into History: The Mystery of the Cellar Window		
				A Second Chance For Chip: The Case of the Curious Canine		
	Take Action	Influential Person from the Last 100 Years	Week 3	Fighting for Change		
	What can people do to bring about a positive change?			Frederick Douglass: Freedom's Voice		
				Rosa		
				Our Voices, Our Votes		
	Consider Our Resources	Water Conservation	Week 4	Minerals	Week 6- Life in the Americas	The focus this week is on meeting wants and needs with the resources available. Every individual needs shelter, food, water, and clothing. A vibrant society uses the resources around it to meet its needs and creates trade with others to meet other needs and wants.
	Why are natural resources valuable?			Power from Nature		
				One Well		
				The Dirt on Dirt		
	Express Yourself	Famous Speeches	Week 5	I'm a Swimmer	Week 14- The Actions of the Colonies	This week's study will center on the time period after the Boston Massacre in 1770 and the events that led to armed conflict. This is the story of colonial and British men standing and dying for principles of freedom and liberty.
	How do you express that something is important to you?			How Do I Hold the Summer?, Catching a Fly, When I Dance		
				Words Free as Confetti, Dreams		
				A Story of How a Wall Stands		
Unit 5: New Perspectives- In what ways can things change?	New Perspectives	Impact of Personal Experiences	Week 1	A Change of Heart		
	What experiences can change the way you see yourself and the world around you?			Miguel in the Middle		
				Ida B...and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World		
				A Dusty Ride		
	Better Together	Films During the Great Depression	Week 2	Starting Over		
	How do shared experiences help people adapt to change?			The Day the Rollets Got Their Moxie Back		
				Bud, Not Buddy		
				Musical Impressions of the Great Depression		
	Our Changing Earth	Nature Reserves or Wildlife Sanctuaries	Week 3	Changing Climate, Changing Lives		
	What changes in the environment affect living things?			Forests on Fire		
				Global Warming		
				When Volcanoes Erupt		
	Now We Know	Medicine Throughout History	Week 4	The Sun: Our Star		
	How can scientific knowledge change over time?			Changing Views of Earth		
				When Is a Planet Not a Planet?		

				New Moon		
	Scientific Viewpoints			Dams: Harnessing the Power of Water		Students will be investigating the energy and ideas of a
	How do natural events and human activities affect the environment?	Nonnative Species	Week 5	Should Plants and Animals from Other Places Live Here? The Case of the Missing Bees Busy, Beneficial Bees	Week 32- America on the Move	new country. With revolution behind them and a government in place, the people have the opportunity to create their own future.
Unit 6: Linked In- How are we all connected?	Joining Forces How do different groups contribute to a cause?	Impact of Natural Disasters	Week 1	Hope for the Troops Shipped Out The Unbreakable Code Allies in Action	Week 24- Independence and Revolution: The People	lived during the Revolution in the newly independent United States of America. Students will examine the form and contents of the Declaration of Independence. Then, they will learn about the ordinary citizens, individuals, groups, and families whose stories
	Getting Along What actions can we take to get along with others?	Social Media	Week 2	Diamond in the Sky The Bully The Friend Who Changed My Life Choose Your Strategy: A Guide to Getting Along	Week 27- The Founders and the Process	Students will learn about the people who guided the building of a government after successfully gaining independence.
	Adaptations How are living things adapted to their environment?	Animals of Madagascar	Week 3	Bacteria: They're Everywhere Mysterious Oceans Survival at 40 Below Why the Evergreen Trees Never Lose Their Leaves	Week 6- Life in the Americas	The focus this week is on meeting wants and needs with the resources available. Every individual needs shelter, food, water, and clothing. A vibrant society uses the resources around it to meet its needs and creates trade with others to meet other needs and wants.
	Making a Difference What impact do our actions have on our world?	Impact of Littering	Week 4	Science Makes a Difference! Words to Save the World: The Work of Rachel Carson Planting the Trees of Kenya The Park Project	Week 23- The Shot Heard Round the World	Students will study the actions of the colonies and British Parliament after a peaceful resolution could not be found. Armed conflict should always be the last resort. This week will examine the people and the government that were in place for a group of colonies to become their own country.
	Out in the World What can our connections to the world teach us?	Important Life Events	Week 5	The Beat To Travel, Wild Blossoms You Are My Music (Teres mi m sica), You and I A Time to Talk		