



Family Newsletter for Unit 5

America's Past

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- that our country's history starts with American Indians
- about the causes of the American Revolution
- about several heroes in American history

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Lesson 3: Jamestown and Plymouth

A New Life Jamestown and Plymouth were two of the earliest settlements built by colonists. Talk with your child about how he or she would feel moving to a place far away from home.

Lesson 5: Past Heroes

Your Heroes What is your definition of a hero? Talk with your child about people you both consider heroes and discuss reasons for your choices.

Lesson 7: Communication Changes

Modern Communication What forms of communication do you use on a daily basis? Discuss with your child how communication has changed since you were young.

Make It

A Book of Heroes Use your discussion about heroes to help you compile a list of your family's heroes. Help your child staple sheets of paper together. Then have your child draw and illustrate a picture of one hero on each page.

Read to Learn More About It

On the Mayflower, by Kate Waters. William Small, an apprentice to the ship's master, and Ellen Moore, a passenger, tell the story of the Mayflower's passage to America.

Totem Poles, by Jennifer Frantz. The Haida people of the Pacific Northwest create huge totem poles from cedar trees to tell stories.

The Great Horseless Automobile Race, by Michael Dooling. Only six participants of sixty-nine entrants made it into the country's first automobile race through snow-covered streets in Chicago.



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