



Family Newsletter for Unit 5

The New Nation

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- how settlers moved across the frontier and how the nation expanded
- what the Industrial Revolution meant for the people of the United States

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

Talk About It

Chapter 10: The Early Republic

Exploring new places Discuss with your child what it feels like to be in a new place. Talk about how people adapt to new situations and the fun of seeing something new. What would you do to feel more comfortable in a new place?

Chapter 11: A Growing Country

New technology Many inventions were made during the Industrial Revolution. Many inventions are still being made today. Discuss with your child the technologies in your home, such as the television, radio, computer, and so on. Talk about how people came up with these ideas. Ask your child what ideas he or she has for new inventions.

Make It

A park map Lewis and Clark explored the West and made maps as they explored. Working together, map a nearby park or playground. Draw a map for someone who does not know the land. The person should be able to use the map to find a specific part of the park, such as a special tree or a bench.

Read to Learn More About It

How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark, by Rosalyn Schanzer. Readers are introduced to the adventures of Lewis and Clark through actual letters and journal entries.

My Name Is York, by Elizabeth Van Steenwyck. York, an enslaved African American who traveled with Lewis and Clark on their expedition, tells his story.

Washington City Is Burning, by Harriet Gillem Robinet. Set during the War of 1812, this historical novel tells the story of an enslaved girl who devises a plan to free other enslaved people while the British occupy and burn Washington.



Technology

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