


# Family Newsletter for Unit 5

## The New Nation

### The Big Idea

#### What gave the new country its identity?

-  **Content Standard 5.0** History involves people, events, and issues. Students will evaluate evidence to develop comparative and causal analyses, and to interpret primary sources. They will construct sound historical arguments and perspectives on which informed decisions in contemporary life can be based.

### Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- how Tennessee became a state and about the exploration of the West;
- how the Industrial Revolution changed life in America and about the westward expansion of the United States.

Here is a way you can help your child learn:

### Family Activity

**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.



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