Learn About It
In this unit, your child will learn:

• about the early exploration of New York and the factors that led to its colonization
• the causes of the American Revolution and the effects of its outcome on the American colonists

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

Read to Learn More About It

Colonial Life, by Bobbie Kalman. Meet the hardworking people of a colonial community and learn about the importance of family, religion, and education.

SHH! We’re Writing the Constitution, by Jean Fritz. A lively account of the Constitutional Convention of 1787, enhanced by the illustrations of Tomie DePaola.

Cranky Colonials, by Elizabeth Levy. Funny and true accounts of American colonial life, including stories of the Dutch colonists in New Amsterdam.

Talk About It

Chapter 3: The Colonial Period
Making a Living Today, New Yorkers have many different types of jobs. Discuss how these jobs are different from the types of work that people did to support themselves in colonial times.

Chapter 4: The American Revolution
Newfound Freedom The American colonists struggled to gain freedom from British rule. Discuss why the colonists might have made the decision to go to war in order to be free.

Make It

A Newsletter Discuss some of the freedoms and rights we enjoy as a result of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. Working with your child, write a short newsletter highlighting the freedoms that are most important to your family.

Technology
Check out www.eduplace.com/parents/hmss/ for more information.