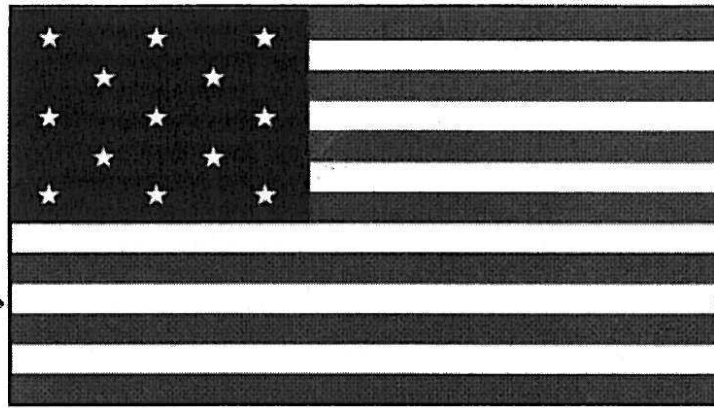


Fifth Grade, Lexington Public Schools

Lesson Supplements to “13 Colonies” and “American Revolution”



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Lesson 12 Supplement: Reasons to Leave

By studying population statistics from the thirteen colonies, students will recognize that great numbers of African slaves came and settled America during the same period as European immigrants.

Lesson 17 Supplement: Slavery in New England

Using census data and other primary sources, students will understand that slavery was legal and prevalent in New England in the years leading up to the Revolution. This supplement addresses the absence of information in the existing unit on slavery in New England during the colonial years.

Lesson 21 Optional Lesson: Getting Ready for Revolution: Taxation and the French and Indian War

In this lesson, students will look at the Townsend and Stamp Acts through the eyes of common colonists and gain insight to the colonists' reactions to the new taxes. In addition, students will judge the level of influence the French and Indian War had on colonists' choices.

Lesson 22 Supplement: Spinning and Spinning Bees

Using two primary sources, students will consider the increasing importance of colonial self-sufficiency in the pre-Revolutionary years. This supplement is to show the active role of women in revolutionary resistance.

Lesson 22 Optional Lesson: The Not-So Famous Patriots of the American Revolution

In the protests leading up to the American Revolution, ordinary citizens participated in important events and created change from the ground up. In this lesson, students take on roles of community members in colonial Worcester, Springfield, or Plymouth, Massachusetts. As these roles, they will discuss and decide on a proper response to the Massachusetts Government Act.

