

Subject	6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade		
Ideas students are learning	Students will learn about the essential characteristics of culture and geography while studying North America.	Students will learn about the 4 regions of Texas, Native Americans, and early European explorers.	Students will learn about the establishment of the 13 colonies.		
Skills	Students will use skills such as maps, graphing, analyzing charts, and critical thinking.	Students will use skills such as maps, graphing, analyzing charts, primary sources, and critical thinking.	Students will use skills such as maps, analyzing primary sources, organizing information, and presentation.		
Work and assignments to look for	The student will create a 8.5 x 11 post card representing the primary features of North America.	Students will create a PowerPoint or collage on poster board on one of the 4 regions of Texas.	Students will write a letter to King George III to address issues related to "Taxation without Representation".		
Questions Parents Can Ask	How do the characteristics of culture influence the ways people live?	How has culture influenced the people of Texas?	What were the 3 major reasons for colonization?		
Special Notes	Help your student understand the true meaning of Globalization.	Take your student to visit the Fort Worth Cowgirl Museum.	Have a discussion with your student about why we celebrate our independence from England on July 4th.		