

JM+JT

4th Grade

Explorers/Nebraska History

I. Overall Resources

- A. The Story of Civilization volumes 3 and 4
- B. A Children's Book of America by William Bennett
- C. This Country of Ours by H.E. Marshall

II. 1st Semester: Spanish, French, and English explorers; North American Martyrs

D. Quarter 1

- 1. Topics (11): What are they looking for?
 - a. Happiness, gotten through riches
 - b. St. Brendan the Navigator
 - c. Vikings (Leif Erikson Day- Oct. 9)
 - d. Christopher Columbus: [Living ideas](#)
 - e. Amerigo Vespucci
 - f. John Cabot: Newfoundland
 - g. Ponce de Leon: Florida
 - h. Vasco Nunez de Balboa: sees Pacific from America
 - i. Hernan Cortes: Aztecs
 - j. Ferdinand Magellan: around the world
 - k. Jacques Cartier: St. Lawrence River
 - l. Francisco Vasquez de Coronado: searches for gold (made it to Kansas?)
 - m. Hernando de Soto: crosses Mississippi
 - n. Sir Walter Raleigh: Roanoke
 - o. Captain Cook (include nature journaling)
- 2. Virtues
- 3. Literature
 - p. Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
 - a. SS topics: mapping (starts in Bristol Channel, end up in Spanish America)
 - q. Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling
 - b. Writing: Write their own story to explain something in the world (paired with Aesop?)
 - c. Science: Creation
- 4. Resources

E. Quarter 2

- 5. Topics: How did Christianity come to the Americas?
 - r. North American Martyrs - Feast Day Oct. 19

- a. Iroquois vs. Hurons
 - b. Jean de Brebeuf
 - c. Isaac Jogues
 - s. Junipero Serra - Canonized Sept. 23
 - t. Kateri Tekakwitha - Phoenix, Canada feast day April 17
 - u. Religious Freedom
 - v. Jamestown (resources in Wonders)
 - w. The First Thanksgiving
 - 6. Virtues
 - 7. Literature
 - x. The Story of Junipero Serra by Florence White
 - a. SS topic: mapping CA missions
 - y. Kateri Tekakwitha: Mohawk Maiden by Evelyn Brown
 - 8. Resources
- III. 2nd Semester: NE History, incorporating things like the Louisiana purchase, Lewis and Clark, trails west, Native Americans, etc.
 - F. Quarter 3
 - 9. Topics
 - z. Louisiana Purchase
 - aa. Lewis and Clark (journals): [Living ideas](#)
 - bb. Father De Smet
 - cc. Native Americans
 - dd. Nebraska Day: March 1, 1867
 - ee. Pioneers
 - 10. Virtues
 - 11. Literature
 - ff. Bold Journey: West with Lewis and Clark by Charles Bohner
 - a. SS topic: mapping journey
 - gg. The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
 - hh. Charlotte's Web by E.B. White
 - 12. Resources
 - ii. Field trip: Lewis and Clark in NC, Boy's Town
 - G. Quarter 4
 - 13. Topics
 - jj. Pioneers
 - kk. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
 - ll. Nebraska heroes
 - a. Buffalo Bill
 - b. Willa Cather
 - c. Father Flanagan
 - 14. Virtues

15. Literature
 - mm. Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
 - nn. Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingalls Wilder
 - a. Sew a quilt block (9 patch)
16. Resources