

Unit 1 – Age of Exploration

8th Grade US History Learning Intentions

Rate Yourself: 1-I am unclear about 2- I have the basics down
3- I know it, but need a little practice 4-I am an expert, I can teach it

- 1. I can identify and differentiate between primary and secondary sources.
- 2. I can explain the motivations of the Europeans explored the New World
- 3. I can explain the impact that exploration had on native populations
- 4. I can explain and compare/contrast the political, social and economic factors in the Spanish, French and Dutch colonies in the Americas.
- 5. I can explain the impact of technology on exploration and colonization

Unit 1: During the 15th & 16th centuries, Europe began exploring the Americas, encountering multiple Native American societies which led to the Columbian Exchange.

SS.8.A.1

Use research and inquiry skills to analyze American History using primary and secondary sources.

SS.8.A.2.1

Compare the relationships among the British, French, Spanish, and Dutch in their struggle for colonization of North America.

SS.8.A.2.5

Discuss the impact of colonial settlement on Native American populations.

SS.8.G.5.1

Describe human dependence on the physical environment and natural resources to satisfy basic needs in local environments in the United States.