

American History 4-5th Grade



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Tuition: \$50 per month. One Time Fee of \$15 for in-class activities

Course Description

This exciting 4-5th Grade American History Adventure class brings our nation's story to life through engaging historical fiction, nonfiction, discussions, crafts, recipes, and hands-on activities. Students will explore exploration, colonial life, the Revolutionary War, westward expansion, and key events up to the Great Depression.

Books

1. *Pedro's Journal*
2. *DK Eyewitness: North American Indian*
3. *The Courage of Sarah Noble*
4. *Sign of the Beaver*
5. *Johnny Tremain*
6. *Justin Morgan Had a Horse*
7. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*
8. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Where to Get Books

- **Free options:** Check your local library (OKC, Edmond, etc.) through the **Libby app** for e-books and audiobooks (highly recommended for convenience). Many of these titles are available as free digital loans.
- Other sources: Amazon (new/used), ThriftBooks, or homeschool resale groups. Audiobooks are excellent for car rides or busy evenings.

Supplies Needed

- 1–1.5 inch binder
- Notebook paper or composition notebook
- Pencils, erasers, and colored pencils or markers
- Glue stick and scissors
- Folder for loose papers

At Home Work

- **This class is designed in 2-week segments.** This means we read/discuss a book and its historical events for 2-weeks, and then focus on in-class activities for 2-weeks.
- **Book weeks** (2 weeks per book): Students will read the assigned book at home (typically 20ish minutes per night, depending on the book). We will discuss the reading and related American history topics during our in-person class.
- **Activity weeks** (no new book): Students will complete simple crafts - either at home, or in class (depending on week), in class recipes, map work, or review from the previous book.

Assignments / Projects

- **Weekly Assignments:** Students will complete a simple worksheet provided for each book (short answers, vocabulary, or reflection questions).
- **Projects:** There will be two at-home projects per semester that students will present in class - these will serve as the tests for each semester. More information about these will be given in class and sent home.

Please contact me with any questions. I'm looking forward to a great year exploring American History together!