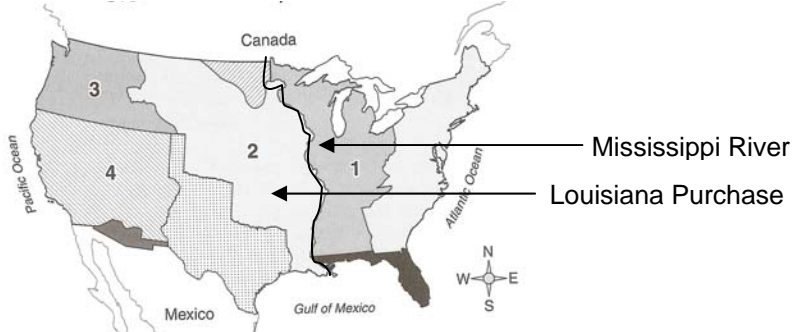


Grade 3 Study Guide  
Benchmark 2  
2008-2009

Vocabulary/Concepts	Things to Know
Louisiana Purchase	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land bought in 1803 from the French</li> <li>• Doubled the size of the United States</li> <li>• Located west of the Mississippi River</li> <li>• Thomas Jefferson was the U.S. President.</li> <li>• Meriwether Lewis and William Clark were sent to explore the territory by Jefferson.</li> </ul> 
The American Civil War (1861 – 1865)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil War – a war in which two parts of one country fight each other</li> <li>• The issue of slavery was one cause of the Civil War between the northern and the southern parts of the United States.</li> <li>• The southern states formed the Confederate States of America. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jefferson Davis was the President of the Confederate States.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Abraham Lincoln was the President of the United States. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ He signed a document to free the slaves in the Confederate States.</li> <li>○ He helped pass the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment which ended slavery in the U.S.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Immigrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immigrant – someone who comes to live in a country from somewhere else in the world</li> <li>• Immigrants came to the U.S. for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jobs</li> <li>○ Education</li> <li>○ Freedom</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ellis Island in New York City was the largest immigration center.</li> <li>• In the early 1800s, many people from Ireland came to the U.S. because of the potato famine in Ireland.</li> <li>• The population in America grew between 1880 and 1920 because immigrants moved to the U.S.</li> <li>• Tradition – a custom, or way of doing something, that is passed on by parents to their children</li> </ul>
Transcontinental Railroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helped to change the U.S. by connecting towns across the whole country</li> </ul>
Telegraph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invented by Samuel Morse</li> <li>• Used a code of dots and dashes to send messages across wires</li> <li>• Improved communication across the nation</li> </ul>
Telephone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invented by Alexander Graham Bell</li> </ul>
Famous People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Albert Einstein – won a Nobel Peace Prize for Physics</li> <li>• Elizabeth Blackwell – first woman to earn a medical degree in the U.S.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elijah McCoy – invented a cup that dropped oil into train engines</li> <li>• Frederick Douglass – a former African American slave who gave speeches and wrote a book against slavery</li> <li>• Jonas Salk – invented the polio vaccine</li> <li>• Rosa Parks – African American who refused to give up her seat on a bus and caused a boycott</li> <li>• Cesar Chavez – an Hispanic who fought for better working conditions for farm workers</li> <li>• Eleanor Roosevelt – led the Human Rights Commission in the United Nations</li> <li>• Daniel Boone – opened the west to settlement by clearing a path through the Appalachian Mountains</li> <li>• Jane Addams – showed good citizenship by opening the Hull House for immigrant families</li> <li>• Gail Borden – mapped the Houston area using the grid system</li> <li>• George Hermann – gave money to Houston to build a park, a hospital, and the City Hall</li> <li>• William Marsh Rice – gave money to Houston to build Rice University</li> </ul>
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many immigrants live near others from their country in order to feel at home.</li> <li>• People express their culture through their food, clothing, language, art, music, stories, and religion.</li> </ul>
Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Patrick's Day – celebrated on March 17 to honor Irish people</li> <li>• Cinco de Mayo – celebrated on May 5 by Hispanics to remind them of their victory during the Battle of Puebla</li> <li>• Kwanzaa – celebrated for one week in December by African Americans to remind them what is important in their culture</li> <li>• Thanksgiving – celebrated in November by Americans to give thanks for the things we have</li> <li>• Memorial Day – celebrated in May to honor service men and women who have died in wars</li> <li>• Independence Day – celebrated on July 4 to recognize America's freedom from England</li> </ul>
Monuments and Memorials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statuary Hall – a place in Washington, D.C. that has many sculptures that honor famous Americans</li> <li>• Gateway Arch – an arch in St. Louis by the Mississippi River that honors the brave pioneers who settled the west <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Also called Gateway to the West</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mount Rushmore – Built to honor 4 presidents, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ These 4 presidents were chosen because they represent the birth, growth, and development of our nation.</li> <li>○ Built by Gutzon Borghum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Community Leaders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public service – work done to help the community</li> <li>• Common good – something that is good for everyone in a community</li> <li>• Volunteer – someone who chooses to work without being paid</li> <li>• Elect – to vote, or choose, a leader</li> <li>• Appoint – to choose for a government job without voting</li> </ul>
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conflict – a disagreement</li> </ul>

Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court – a place where a judge decides whether a person has broken the law, and if so, what the consequences will be</li> <li>• Jury – a group of usually 6 to 12 citizens who sit in a courtroom and listen to the facts of a case</li> <li>• Public property – property, such as a park or swimming pool, that belongs to everyone in the community</li> <li>• Private property - property, such as a home, business, or farm, that belongs to one person or a group of people</li> </ul>
Government Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government service – work that is done by the government for everyone in a city or town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Examples – police, public school system, parks, swimming pools, and garbage pick-up</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Tax – the money the government collects from citizens to pay for the services they need</li> <li>• Town or city council – a group of citizens that makes laws and decides how to spend money for a community</li> </ul>
Point of View	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The way a person feels about something</li> </ul>

### Map Skills

- Use the map to answer the questions.
  - What do the arrows show?
  - Which explorer sailed first?
  - Which explorer went to the West Indies?

