

	September - November	November- January	January-March	April - June
Unit Title	Unit 1: Geography and Early People of the Western Hemisphere	Unit 2: European Exploration and the Slave Trade	Unit 3: Complex Societies and Civilizations in Latin America	Unit 4: Western Hemisphere Today
Key Ideas and Conceptual Understandings (per Common Core SS Framework)	5.1, 5.4	5.3	5.2	5.5, 5.6, 5.7
Common Core Literacy Skills (per Common Core SS Framework)	<i>Reading: RI 1- 10</i> <i>Writing: Write Informative/Explanatory Texts</i>	<i>Reading RI 1-10</i> <i>Writing: Research to Build and Present Knowledge</i>	<i>Reading: RI 1 -10</i> <i>Writing: Write Informative/Explanatory Text (narrative)</i>	<i>Reading: RI 1- 10</i> <i>Writing: Write Informative/Explanatory Text; Write Arguments focused on discipline-specific content</i>
Unit Project	Expert page/ Native American Informational Text	Explorer resume; Art-based project with written reflection	Blog: A day in the life	Projects: brochure; Persuasive letter to elected official <i>Homework: Current events</i>
Field Trips or related events	Museum of American Indian or Museum of Natural History	African Burial Ground	Museum of Natural History	United Nations

