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Theme, Enduring Understandings, & Essential Questions for this Unit	How Students will Demonstrate Their Understanding	Standards-based Essential Skills & Concepts to be Targeted Throughout the Unit	Strategies/Best Practices Used to Explicitly Teach the Skills & Concepts	Resources for the Unit
History: 1. Primary and secondary sources	Pre-assement: Buckledown	CONTENT STANDARDS		http://sheg.stanford.edu/
are used to examine events from multiple perspectives and to present and defend a position	(Comprehensive over content statements)	OH- Ohio Academic Content Standards (now the Ohio Model Curriculum) (2011) Subject: Social Studies	Students analyze primary and secondary sources to develop and write a historical narrative from multiple perspectives.	http://historymatters.gmu.edubr owse/makesense/
2. North America, originally inhabited by American Indians, was explored and colonized	Performance Assessment: Role play justifications for exploring and settling	Grade: Pre-Kindergarten Through Grade Eight Strand: History Topic with Description: Historical Thinking and Skills- Historical	Students use primary and secondary sources to investigate an event in American history.	http://www.archives.gov/educati on/
by Europeans for economic and religious reasons.	North America	thinking begins with a clear sense of time – past, present and future –	Diverse Learners:www.cast.org.	http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu /historyonline/us2.cfm
3. Competition for control of territory and	Formative Assessment: Graphic organizer comparing and	and becomes more precise as students progress. Historical thinking includes skills such as locating, researching, analyzing and	Students use a graphic organizer to compare the economic and religious	www.hippocampus.com
resources in North America led to conflicts among colonizing powers.	contrasting the economic reasons for exploration	interpreting primary and secondary sources so that students can begin to understand the relationships among	reasons for exploration and colonization among the European countries.	http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/g mdhtm/gmdhome.html
Geography: 13. Modern and historical maps and	Performance Assessment: Role playing negotiating	events and draw conclusions. Topic with Description: Heritage- Ideas and events from the past have	Students assume the role of someone from one of these colonial powers:	http://www.loc.gov/teachers/cla ssroommaterials/lessons/tinker/ procedure.html
other geographic tools are used to analyze how	control of territories and resources.	shaped the world as it is today. The actions of individuals and groups have made a difference in the lives	Great Britain, France, Spain or the Netherlands. Students then explain and	http://wwwpbs.org.wgbh/amex/t crr/sfeature/sf_interview.html
historic events are shaped by geography.	Formative: Regional map	of others. Topic with Description: Early Civilizations- The eight features of civilizations include cities, well-	justify their reasons for exploring and settling in	
14. The availability of natural resources contributed to the geographic and economic	Summative: Short Cycle	organized central governments, complex religions, job specialization, social classes, arts and architecture,	North America. Students could present their justifications through role play or	http://www.nationalatlas.gov/arti cles.html
expansion of the United States, sometimes resulting in unintended	Formative Assessments: Graphic	public works and writing. Early peoples developed unique civilizations. Several civilizations established empires with legacies	write justifications as an editorial for a newspaper.	
environmental consequences	organizer on North American Colonization	influencing later peoples. Topic with Description: First Global Age- The transoceanic linking of all	Diverse Learners:www.cast.org.	
15. The movement of people, products and ideas		the major regions of the world led to economic, political, cultural and	Role play an international meeting of the	

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resulted in new patterns of	religious transformations.	colonizing powers and American
settlement and land	5	
	Topic with Description: Colonization	
use that influenced the political and	to Independence- European	to negotiate control of territory and
economic	countries established colonies in	resources in North America.
development of the United States	North America as a means of	Students
	increasing wealth and power. As the	e should explain how competition led
	English colonies developed their own	n to
	governments and economies, they	conflict.
	resisted domination by the	
	monarchy, rebelled and fought for	
	independence.	
		Students use a regional map to list
		historical events that took place in
		the
		region. Students can brainstorm how
		geography influenced the events on
		the
		list.
		Students complete graphic
		organizer/s
		on early North American
		colonization.
		Students will compare and contrast
		life
		in the north to life in south.
		Students make a chart showing the
		contributions slaves made to the
		Southern Colonies.