



# Our State History

Grades 3-5  
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## Course Description

Florida is a fascinating and beautiful state with a rich and long history. With Florida Studies Weekly, students will receive a “Florida newspaper” with a theme each week. You will also have access to the newspaper online. Each issue may contain a cover story, connections article, current event, wildlife article, Florida counties article, American character section, cool arts and crafts, puzzles and games, economics connection, language arts connection, writing prompts, geography, map skills, website resources, review questions, quizzes, and more.

Included in the subscription are weekly units aligned with Florida standards, online access with more than 3,200 engaging primary source videos. Also available online, student and teacher materials, articles with read -aloud features, annotative text and highlighting tool, more than 3,200 primary and secondary sources, and lesson plan suggestions.

We will use these newspapers as a springboard into lessons and activities in class. For more information about the curriculum go to <https://www.studiesweekly.com/florida/>

If there is enough interest, field trips outside of class will be planned on a Friday to the Tampa Museum/Cracker Country.

## Communication

I will send emails when necessary.

## Grades/Homework

Generally, homework will not be assigned unless students need to complete a class assignment or prepare for an upcoming class.

## Materials

- Pencils/Pens/Markers
- Notebook paper
- 1 spiral notebook
- Pocket folder

Each newspaper has a theme. Below are the themes of our newspaper this year. The newspaper will be a resource. We may decide, as a class, to branch out and study other aspects of Florida, such as the wetlands, indigenous plants & animals, Tampa history, etc.



Semester 1	Semester II
Exploration & Settlement	Civil War
3 Branches of Government	Reconstruction
Government Functions	Spanish American War
Physical Features	Transportation
Map Skills	Communication
Natives of Florida	WWI
Spanish Explorers	WWII
St. Augustine (French vs. Spanish)	Florida Population
Spanish Missions	Major Florida Cities
St. Augustine	Civil Rights
British Florida	Men & Women of Florida
American Revolution	Florida Heritage & Culture
Florida Pirates	Hard Working Florida
Florida Territory	Space Program
Seminole Wars	Florida Tourism
Statehood	Florida Review