

# FirstLine Schools 5th Grade

## Trimester 1



### Unit 1:

The story of America begins long before the founding of the United States with indigenous people who were here for thousands of years before European settlers arrived. European “discovery” of the Americas created a new exchange of goods, materials, and cultures. The story begins with the people who were here for thousands of years before the first European explorers. Populations native to the Americas developed highly sophisticated civilizations in complete isolation from the European world.



### Unit 2:

European “discovery” of the Americas created a new exchange of goods, materials, and cultures. In the midst of this exchange, early American civilizations and indigenous populations were largely destroyed by European conquest and disease. This unit examines what happens when the New World is ‘discovered.’

### Vocabulary to know:

Maya  
Aztec  
Inca  
Civilization  
Specialization  
Trade  
Merchant  
Goods  
Motivation  
3Gs (God, Gold, Glory)  
Columbian Exchange  
conquistadors

### Resources for support:

[Nystrom Atlas Website](#)  
[National Geographic Map Maker](#)  
[Timeline Creator](#), [KnightLab Timeline Maker](#), [Online Interactive Timeline](#)  
[Social Studies Alive! America's Past](#)