**Exploration, Encounter, and/or Exchange**

**Big Ideas:**

Environment

Science

Medicine

Sports

Discoveries

Pop culture

Music

Art

Travel

Explorers

Space

Native American History

Black History

Immigration

Religion

Food

Technology

**Topic ideas:**

* Early American settlements (Jamestown, Plymouth)
* Pilgrims arriving in America
* Thanksgiving
* Columbian Exchange
* Metacom’s War
* Roger Williams and Rhode Island
* Daniel Boone
* Robert Gray
* The middle passage (slave ships)
* Slave communities
* The Enlightenment
* Immigration
* The Great Awakening (religious revival)
* Pocahontas
* American Settlement of Texas
* Henry Ford
* Manhattan Project
* Oregon Trail
* Los Angeles Aqueduct
* Ellis Island, Angel Island
* The underground railroad
* Industrial Revolution
* The trail of tears
* Wounded Knee
* Native American reservations
* Mormonism
* Abolitionists
* The mafia
* Jazz
* Imperialism (Spanish American War)
* Purchase of Alaska
* Manifest Destiny
* Creation of National Parks
* Sierra Club
* Harlem Renaissance
* Sand Creek Massacre
* Gold Rush
* The Dawes Act
* The Cattle Drives (The Long Drive)
* Chinese Exclusion Act
* James Naismith
* Title IX
* Video games
* Sciency stuff
* Using music to influence opinion
* Radio and Television to exchange ideas
* The Great Depression
* DNA
* Developments in Psychology (Freud)
* International Space Station
* Disease
* Railroads/ canals/ interstates
* Kitchen Debates
* Andrew Carnegie and his Steel Empire
* Rockefeller
* Apollo 13
* 19th Amendment - exploring new methods of protest
* Roanoke
* Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria, Mayflower
* Monroe Doctrine
* Arms Race with Russia
* Cold War
* Pop Art - consumerism and culture
* Fast food restaurants