# Year Overview

## UNIT 1
**Essential Question:** How are living things interdependent?

**Benchmark Theme:** The U.S. Constitution: Then and Now

**Text Type:** Informational Text

**Metacognitive Strategy:** Asking & Answering Questions

**Social Studies**
- Government
  - The Constitution established the U.S. Government
  - The three branches and their functions in the U.S. government.
  - The Bill of Rights and its role within the Constitution

**Science**
- Life Science
  - Ecosystem is all the living and nonliving things that interact in an area
  - Role of producers and consumers in an ecosystem

**SEL**
- Responsible Decision-Making

**Technology**
- Empowered Learner
- Digital Citizen
- Innovative Designer
- Global Collaborator

## UNIT 2
**Essential Question:** What can we learn by studying relationships?

**Benchmark Theme:** Developing Characters’ Relationships

**Text Type:** Literature Text

**Metacognitive Strategy:** Visualization

**Social Studies**
- Government
  - Diversity of the various Native American nations in the U.S.
  - The unique experiences of the Native Americans before European exploration
  - Impact of the Native Americans on American society

**Science**
- Life Science
  - Role of decomposers in an ecosystem
  - How matter and energy move in and ecosystem
  - What makes an ecosystem healthy or unhealthy

**SEL**
- Relationship Skills

**Technology**
- Empowered Learner
- Digital Citizen
- Creative Communicator
- Global Collaborator

## UNIT 3
**Essential Question:** What is the connection between resources and settlement?

**Benchmark Theme:** Cultivating Natural Resources

**Text Type:** Informational Text

**Metacognitive Strategy:** Determine Text Importance

**Social Studies**
- Geography
  - Causes and consequences associated with the exploration and settlement of North America
  - Impact of the Native Americans on American society

**Science**
- Life Science
  - How ecosystems change

**SEL**
- Social Awareness

**Technology**
- Knowledge Constructor
- Innovative Designer
- Global Collaborator

## UNIT 4
**Essential Question:** How can other perspectives help us understand the world?

**Benchmark Theme:** Recognizing Author’s Point of View and Water: Fact and Fiction

**Text Type:** Literature Text

**Metacognitive Strategy:** Making Inferences & Predictions

**Social Studies**
- History
  - Impact of slavery on the development of the colonies
  - Concept of the Middle Passage.
  - How the colonies began to develop

**Science**
- Life Science
  - How ecosystems change

**SEL**
- Social Awareness

**Technology**
- Empowered Learner
- Digital Citizen
- Innovative Designer
- Global Collaborator

## UNIT 5
**Essential Question:** How do decisions impact people and environments?

**Benchmark Theme:** Technology’s Impact on Society

**Text Type:** Informational Text

**Metacognitive Strategy:** Summarizing & Synthesizing

**Social Studies**
- History
  - Distinct qualities of the colonies
  - How marked regional, political, social, and economic differences shaped the individuality of the colonies

**Science**
- Earth and Space Systems
  - Earth’s four systems.
  - How Earth’s systems produce weather and climate
  - How Earth’s systems change Earth’s surface

**SEL**
- Responsible Decision-Making

**Technology**
- Empowered Learner
- Digital Citizen
- Creative Communicator
- Global Collaborator
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