

Lesson Plan – Social Studies

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Topic	From the 13 states to 50 states
Unit	U.S. History: Growth of A Nation
Subject	History
Grade	Grade 3-5
Time	50 minutes

PA Standards

8.3.3-5 C. Identify and explain how continuity and change has influenced United States history from beginnings of 13 states to 50 states in 1959.

- Settlement patterns and expansion
- Conflict and cooperation among social groups and organizations in United States history

NCSS Theme

Time, continuity, and change

People, places and environment

Objectives

After this lesson students will understand how the United States grow into a nation of 50 states, and the conflicts and cooperation involved during the long years of territory expansion.

Materials

- Website <http://www.animatedatlas.com/movie.html>
- Computer lab or classroom where at least three students can share a computer

Instruction

1. Play the game in groups
2. Student will record the facts in the following table while play the game. One group may have 10-15 states to cover for the assignment depending on class size.

Growth of a Nation

State	Capital City	Largest City	Year Admitted	Slave/Non-Slave State	President Then	Events Involved