**Social Studies Unit 5 Chapters 15-21 Vocabulary**

**Chapter 15**

1. indigenous- originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

2. paleo- ancient

3. nomad- a member of a people that travels from place to place and has no permanent home.

4. archaeologist- a scientist who studies human history by digging up human remains and artifacts.

5. elite- superior in quality, rank, or skill

6. chiefdom- an area or region governed by a chief.

**Chapter 16**

7. culture- a pattern of behavior shared by a society or group of people

8. wigwam- a hut having an arched framework of poles overlaid with bark, mats, or hides.

9. principal- first in order of importance

10. council- a group of people appointed or elected to make laws or give advice.

11. matrilineal- tracing ancestry through the mother’s side of the family.

**Chapter 17**

12. network- system of interconnected people or things.

13. commerce- the buying and selling of goods, especially on a large scale involving transportation from place to place.

14. proclamation- a public or official announcement.

15. migration- the process of a person or people traveling to a new place or country.

16. lifeline- a thing on which someone depends completely.

17. encroach- to take possession of something in a gradual way.

**Chapter 18**

18. militia- a body of citizens organized for military service but who are not professional soldiers.

19. frontier- the extreme limit of settled land beyond which lies wilderness.

20. compact- a formal agreement or contract between two or more parties.

21. siege- the surrounding of a place by an armed force in order to defeat those defending it.

**Chapter 19**

22. land survey-someone who makes measurements of land to establish land boundaries, create maps, etc.

23. acre- a unit of land area equal to 4,840 square yards.

24. parcel- a quantity or amount of something

25. site- an area of ground where something is, was, or will be built.

26. small pox- a contagious and often deadly disease.

**Chapter 20**

27. mettle- a person’s ability to cope well with difficulties.

28. frontiersman- men who live on the frontier, especially in sparsely settled regions.

29. morale- the spirit of a group that makes them want to succeed.

30. loyalist- a colonist of the American revolutionary period who supported the British cause.

**Chapter 21**

31. delegate- a person who appointed or elected to represent others.

32. territory- an area of land that belongs to or is controlled by a government.

33. census- an official count of a population.

34. legislature- a body of persons that has the authority to make and change laws.

35. capitol-the city or town that is the official seat of government in a country or state.