

# Curriculum – Grade 8 Social Studies

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	History	Geography	Civics and Government	Economics/Law
<b>What your child will learn</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How immigrants contributed to the culture and the policies of the United States government</li> <li>• The importance of diversity in the United States through exploration of citizen profiles</li> <li>• The impact of Supreme court cases on citizenship</li> <li>• How the conflicts between the US colonies and England led to revolution and the Constitution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map skills to analyze the flow of immigrants from around the world</li> <li>• How to use maps and charts to examine the pattern of immigration to the United States from 1900 to 2000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How our founding fathers created a lasting government</li> <li>• The structure of the three branches and levels of government</li> <li>• How the different levels of the American legal system function</li> <li>• U.S. Supreme Court Cases relevant to criminal defense and civil rights</li> <li>• The differences between criminal and civil law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The principle foundations of economic systems in the United States</li> <li>• How the government and the economy work together</li> <li>• How the United States criminal justice process works</li> <li>• The impact of advertising on a society</li> <li>• How the government protects consumer rights</li> </ul>

<p><b>What your child will do</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore American society and its values</li> <li>• Use primary and secondary sources to learn about our culture, values, and citizenship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use maps and charts to identify origins of American immigrants</li> <li>• Work individually and in groups to answer questions and problem solve</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore and compare the 3 branches of the government</li> <li>• Participate in project-based learning experiences and/or simulations</li> <li>• Use primary and secondary sources to understand the foundations of our government</li> <li>• Analyze/interpret US Supreme Court cases relevant to criminal defense and civil rights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in project-based learning and/or simulations</li> <li>• Work individually and in groups to answer questions and problem solve</li> <li>• Participate in a mock trial and research civil cases</li> <li>• Analyze contracts and their importance to consumers</li> </ul>
<p><b>What you'll see (products)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student-created notes that use the proper note-taking skills</li> <li>• Visuals related to learned information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maps and graphics to analyze immigration</li> <li>• Visuals related to learned information</li> <li>• Student-created notes that use proper note-taking skills.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student-created notes that use proper note-taking skills</li> <li>• Visuals related to learned information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visuals related to exploration of personal budgets</li> <li>• Student-created notes that use proper note-taking skills</li> <li>• Civil case research project</li> </ul>

<b>How you can help</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Share your family's heritage with your child</li><li>• Read and share literature about immigrants</li><li>• Monitor your child's grades and homework</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage your child to read maps while traveling</li><li>• Monitor your child's homework and grades online</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage your child to read the newspaper and watch news as it relates to topics in class</li><li>• Follow elections and share information with your child</li><li>• Take your child along to the voting booth when you vote</li><li>• Monitor your child's homework and grades online</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Help your child to make a budget for their spending</li><li>• Share your budget experiences</li><li>• Monitor your child's homework and grades online</li></ul>
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