

8th Grade American History

Teacher Information

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Class Overview

Eighth grade social studies covers American History from the Colonial Period (1600) through the Reconstruction Era following the American Civil War (1877.) During the course, students will also explore issues specific to Tennessee from the years of 1600-1890. Geography, Economics, and Civics will be studied in relation to the topics mentioned above.

Class Calendar

- *Please note that dates are tentative.*
- Complete list of state standards for social studies may be found online at

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/standards/ss/Social_Studies_Standards.pdf

August-Colonialism (1600-1750) - Standards Covered 8.01-8.12

September-The American Revolution (1700-1783) - Standards Covered 8.13-8.20

October- The New Nation (1775-1800) - Standards Covered 8.21-8.28

October- Growth of the Young Nation (1800-1820) - Standards Covered 8.29-8.33

November- Sectionalism and Reform (1800-1850) - Standards Covered 8.34-8.43

December- The Jacksonian Era (1824-1840) - Standards Covered 8.44-8.48

January- Expansion and Division of the Nation (1820's-1860's) - Standards Covered 8.49-8.60

February-Civil War (1860-1865) - Standards Covered 8.61-8.66

March- Reconstruction (1865-1877) - Standards Covered 8.67-8.75

April- Wrap-up, Review, Testing

May- Civics Project

Projects

The month of May will be devoted to a study of Civil Rights. The lessons for this project are developed through iCivics, a web-based education project spearheaded by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and are designed to reinvigorate civics teaching and learning.

Required Materials

- 5 Subject Spiral Bound Notebook
- Pencils and highlighters
- Glue and Tape
- Crayons/markers

Grading

The student's average will be determined by grades in the following areas:

- Notebook- 100 points
- Quizzes- 100 points
- Tests- 200 points
- Homework- 20 points
- Class Participation- Points vary depending on the class assignment

Students will be made aware of upcoming quizzes and tests, including the dates of notebook checks. Remind texts will be sent. Please sign up for texts or emails at remind.com/join/sells8. Students have a handout with instructions on signing up for Remind texts.

*School-wide grading scale:	95-100	A
	86-94	B
	76-85	C
	70-75	D
	0-69	F

Final Note

The syllabus may be modified at any time.

“Life is like a throw to first base. Always aim high!” Kevin Youkilis