

## Grade 8 Social Studies Curriculum Map

### 8th Grade Social Studies - Citizenship and Civic Engagement in Today's Society - Unit Overview

The content focus will be viewed through civic and economic lenses. Citizenship and civic engagement will be taught through inquiry. Eighth grade students will make connections between historical and current/contemporary issues as a base for implementing change in society. Students will recognize and practice their roles and responsibilities as both American and global citizens. United States History will focus on the major events that have their roots in the Constitution, Bill of Rights, and subsequent amendments.



- District Adopted Resource: Discovery Education Techbook: United States Civil War to Present
- District Adopted Resource: Discovery Education Techbook: World History (Prehistory - Present) - Chapter 24
- District Adopted Resource: Discovery Education Techbook: World Geography and Cultures - Chapter 12
- District Adopted Resource: Discovery Education Techbook: Civics and Government
- District Adopted Resource: McGraw-Hill: Discovering Our Past: U.S. History (2016 adoption)
- \*\*New Oral History Standards\*\* [LINK](#)

Unit #	Unit Name	Key Content	<a href="#">6th -8th AZ History &amp; Social Science Standards</a>
1	<b>Foundations of the U.S. Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Using Geographical Tools</li> <li>● Origins of beliefs about Democratic Government</li> <li>● Principles of the Founding Documents (Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Articles of Confederation)</li> <li>● Balancing Federal and State Powers</li> <li>● Research U.S. Historical topics with significance today</li> </ul>	8.SP1.2, 8.SP3.5, 8.SP3.6, 8.SP3.7, 8.SP3.8  8.C1.1 8.C2.2, 8.C2.3, 8.C2.4, 8.C3.2, 8.C4.1, 8.C4.2, 8.E5.1, 8.G1.1, 8.G2.1, 8.G2.2, 8.G3.1, 8.H3.3

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2	<b>Structure and Functions of the U.S. Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government branches, their functions, and checks and balances</li> <li>• Role of government in daily life</li> <li>• Roles of federal, state, tribal, and local governments</li> <li>• Making the law and interpreting the law</li> <li>• Research U.S. Historical topics with significance today</li> </ul>	<p>8.SP1.1, 8.SP1.4, 8.SP4.4</p> <p>8.C3.2, 8.C3.3, 8.C4.2, 8.C4.3, 8.C4.4, 8.C4.5, 8.G4.1, 8.H2.2</p>
3	<b>Participating in Government</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role and responsibilities of democratic citizenship and society</li> <li>• Civil Rights and Civil Liberties</li> <li>• Making informed decisions</li> <li>• Political Parties and Interest Groups</li> <li>• Research U.S. Historical topics with significance today</li> </ul>	<p>8.SP1.2, 8.SP1.3, 8.SP2.1, 8.SP2.2, 8.SP2.3, 8.SP3.1, 8.SP3.2, 8.SP3.4, 8.SP4.1, 8.SP4.2, 8.SP4.3, 8.SP4.4</p> <p>8.C1.2, 8.C1.3, 8.C1.4, 8.C2.1, 8.C2.2, 8.C2.2, 8.C2.3, 8.C2.4, 8.C3.1, 8.C4.4, 8.H2.1, 8.H2.2, 8.H3.1, 8.H3.2</p>
4	<b>Shaping the 20th Century</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holocaust and International Response</li> <li>• Creation of the United Nations</li> <li>• Identify the US Role in Global Issues after World War II</li> <li>• Research events that shaped America in the 20th century</li> </ul>	<p>8.SP1.1, 8.SP2.2, 8.SP3.1, 8.SP3.5</p> <p>8.C1.3, 8.C2.1, 8.C2.2, 8.C4.1, 8.C4.2, 8.G2.2, 8.G3.1, 8.H3.1, 8.H3.2, 8.H3.4</p>

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5	<b>Entering the Digital Age</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Role of United States Internationally</li> <li>● Identify Issues and Challenges as America changes</li> <li>● Interdependence of diverse Societies</li> <li>● Role of Globalization</li> <li>● Research U.S. Historical topics with significance today</li> </ul>	<p>8.SP1.1, 8.SP3.1, 8.SP3.5</p> <p>8.C4.1,8.C4.3, 8.C4.4, 8.E2.1, 8.G2.1, 8.G2.2, 8.G3.1, 8.H3.3</p>
6	<b>Economics and Personal Finance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Characteristics of Healthy Economies</li> <li>● Basic Economic Principles</li> <li>● Market-based economy and democratic ideals</li> <li>● Economic Principles in Personal Finance</li> <li>● Research U.S. Historical topics with significance today</li> </ul>	<p>8.SP3.8, 8.SP4.3</p> <p>8.C2.1, 8.E1.1, 8.E1.2, 8.E1.3, 8.E1.4, 8.E1.5, 8.E1.6, 8.E1.7, 8.E1.8, 8.E2.1, 8.E2.2, 8.E3.1, 8.E3.2, 8.E3.3, 8.E4.1, 8.E4.2, 8.E4.3, 8.E5.1, 8.E5.2, 8.E5.3</p>

