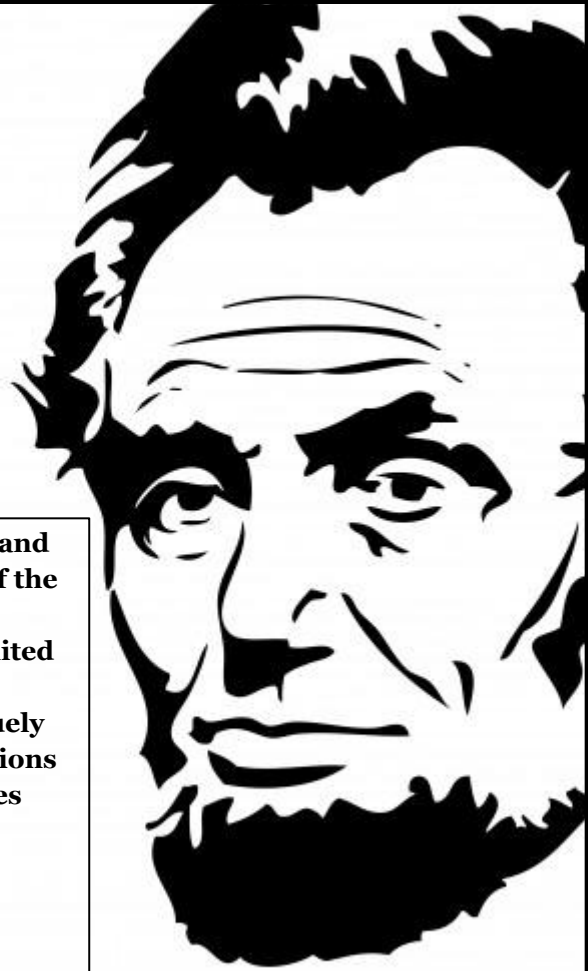


8th Grade Social Studies Syllabus



Class Description

The focus of grade 8 is the investigation of how conflict and compromise impacted the founding and development of the United States. By considering multiple perspectives, students will recognize the impact of diversity in the United States, forging a deep understanding of the Founding Generation, the independent American spirit and uniquely American traditions. Students explore the interconnections of politics, geography and economics in the United States from the Colonial Era, Revolutionary Period, Early Republic, Westward Expansion, Civil War and Reconstruction. Students evaluate how individuals and groups addressed local, regional and global problems concerning the development of the United States.

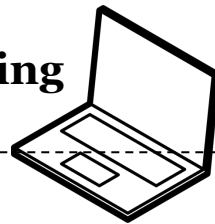
Class Expectations



- Participate in class
- Be kind and respectful to teacher & peers
- Work hard to submit assignments by due date and with your best effort
- Reach out when you need help

Class Materials

- Chromebook with charger
- Folder or binder for papers
- Pencil and/or pen
- Highlighter
- Markers, colored pencils, or other coloring materials

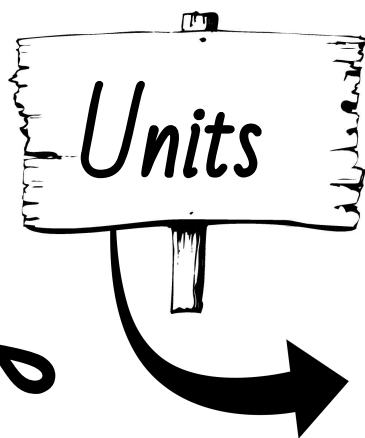


Grading

- NEW 10 point grading scale will be used
90 – 100% A; 80 – 89% B, 70 – 79% C, 60 – 69% D, <60% F
- Class Grade will be weighted:
60% Summative Assignments (Tests, Quizzes, Projects)
40% Formative Assignments (Classwork, Homework)

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Work hard, play fair, and take care of each other.



Unit 1: Colonization (1600-1750) - 5 weeks - Was America really the land of opportunity?

Unit 2: American Revolution (1750-1776) - 6 weeks - When should one question authority?

Unit 3: Constitution (1776-1789) - 8 weeks - Is the Constitution fair?

Unit 4: Early Republic (1789-1826) - 4 weeks - Can conflict be constructive?

Unit 5: Westward Expansion (1803-1877) - 4 weeks - Was going west worth it?

Unit 6: Conflict and Compromise (1840-1860) - 4 weeks - Was the Civil War inevitable?

Unit 7: Civil War and Reconstruction (1861-1865) - 4 weeks - Did the Civil War really change anything?



Technology in the Classroom

It is extremely important that you bring your chromebook and charger every day. Make sure you charge it at night, and put your backpack right next to it, so you remember to bring it with you to school the next day. We may not use the chromebook all day every day, but you need it for when we do.

I have a dream...



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the true goal of education."

-Dr. MLK Jr.