

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 (8.01 - 8.12)

September: The American Revolution 1700 - 1783 (8.13 - 8.20)

October: The New Nation 1775 - 1800 (8.21 - 8.28)

November: Growth of a Young Nation 1800 - 1820 (8.29 - 8.33)

November/December: Sectionalism and Reform 1800 - 1850 (8.34 - 8.43)

January: The Jacksonian Era 1824 - 1840 (8.44 - 8.48)

January: Expansion and Division of the Nation 1820 - 1860 (8.49 - 8.60)

February: Civil War 1860 - 1865 (8.61 - 8.66)

March: Reconstruction 1865 - 1877 (8.67 - 8.75)

April: Wrap-up, Review, Testing

May: Civics Project

Projects

The month of May will primarily be devoted to a research project covering the Bill of Rights. Students will work on the majority of the project in class.

Required Materials

Composition book for taking notes (Doesn't matter if it is spiral bound or not)

Pencils and Highlighters

3 ring binder

Colored Pencils or Crayons

Grading Scale

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

- Daily work/Homework - 30%
- Tests - 40%
- Projects - 15%
- Quizzes - 15%

Students will be made aware of upcoming quizzes and tests, including the dates of any notebook checks. Remind Texts will be sent out as well Please sign up for texts or emails at rcs8th22 Students have a handout with instructions on signing up for Remind alerts.

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

**The Syllabus may be modified at any time. Students and parents will be notified if any changes are made.*

“Be Curious, Not Judgemental”

- Walt Whitman