

CFISD 8th U.S. History HORIZONS Scope and Sequence (2025–2026)

Course Description

Although emphasizing a chronological study of United States history from the early Colonial Period through Reconstruction, the eighth-grade curriculum incorporates many other social studies disciplines as well. These include the structure of the United States government as defined by the Constitution; United States geography; principles of good citizenship; and the American free enterprise system.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)

Reference: [TEA Social Studies Middle School Standards \(ch113b.pdf\)](#)

First Semester (81 Days)

1st Grading Period – Ends Oct. 9, 2025 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment	3	Aug. 15, 2025
Geography	3	Aug. 20, 2025
Geography Culminating Activity	1	Aug. 21, 2025
Colonial Era	16	Sept. 15, 2025
Colonial Era Culminating Activity	1	Sept. 16, 2025
Revolutionary Era	17	Oct. 9, 2025

2nd Grading Period – Ends Dec. 18, 2025 (40 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Revolutionary Era	1	Oct. 15, 2025
Revolutionary Era Culminating Activity	1	Oct. 16, 2025
Government / Constitution*	23	Nov. 20, 2025
Constitution and Government Culminating Activity	1	Nov. 21, 2025
Early Republic	14	Dec. 18, 2025

Second Semester (92 Days)

3rd Grading Period – Ends March 6, 2026 (41 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Supportive Learning Environment	1	Jan. 6, 2026
Early Republic	8	Jan. 16, 2026
Early Republic Culminating Activity	1	Jan. 20, 2026
Industrial Revolution and Growth	6	Jan. 28, 2026
Industrial Revolution Culminating Activity	1	Jan. 29, 2026
Age of Jackson	5	Feb. 5, 2026
Age of Jackson Culminating Activity	1	Feb. 6, 2026
Westward Expansion	6	Feb. 18, 2026
Westward Expansion Culminating Activity	1	Feb. 19, 2026
Reform and Culture	6	Feb. 27, 2026
Reform and Culture Culminating Activity	1	March 2, 2026
Civil War	4	March 6, 2026

4th Grading Period – Ends May 28, 2026 (51 Days)

Unit	Days	End Date
Civil War	5	March 20, 2026
Civil War Culminating Activity	1	March 23, 2026
Reconstruction	6	March 31, 2026
STAAR Review and Exams	8	April 14, 2026
End of Course Unit	31	April 28, 2026

Instructional Materials

United States History to 1877, McGraw-Hill Education, 2016.

Notes

The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is meant to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a fewer number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.