

8th Grade US History to 1877

Course Description/Goals:

8th Grade US History is a detailed study of United States history from the early colonial period through Reconstruction. Students will read and interpret primary and secondary source documents, research major themes and/or develop creative projects for historical periods covered. Knowledge of the founding documents will be stressed as well as the skills and attitudes of responsible citizenship.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The US History to 1877 TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) are organized into reporting categories, each focusing on a specific area of social studies. These categories include: History, Geography and Culture, Government and Citizenship, and Economics, Science, Technology and Society. Each category contains specific standards (TEKS) that students are expected to master.

[Middle School Social Studies TEKS](#)

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-US Geography, Exploration, Colonization-Early Government Influences-13 Colonies-Road to the Revolution-Dec. Of Ind. DBQ-American Revolution-Articles of Confederation-1st Constitutional Convention & Compromises-The Constitution & Bill of Rights-7 Principles of Government-Early Republic-First 5 Presidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Free Enterprise and the Industrial Revolution/Innovations-Age of Jackson-19th Century American Culture & Reforms-Manifest Destiny-Sectionalism-Causes of the Civil War-Civil War-Reconstruction