

8th Grade US History

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Planning Period: 11:00 AM - 11:45 PM

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 below are tentative and subject to change.*
- 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: Final Project

Final Project:

The month of May will primarily be devoted to a final project covering the Bill of Rights. Students will work on the project during class time.

Required Materials:

- Composition Book (Spiral, Bound, etc.)
- 3 Ringed Binder
- Pencils
- Colored Pencils

Grading Scale:

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

- Daily Work: 25%
- Quizzes: 25%
- Tests/Projects: 40%
- Daily Participation: 10%

Students will have ample opportunity to complete daily work in class, but those assignments will become homework if not completed during that time. The dates of quizzes and tests will be communicated ahead of time to allow students to prepare.

School Wide Grading Scale:

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

** Please note, the syllabus is subject to change at any time. Students and parents will be notified of any changes as soon as they occur.*