

## Wilson Area School District Planned Course Guide

**Title of planned course:** Grade 8 Social Studies - American Cultures I

**Subject Area:** Social Studies

**Grade Level:** 8th

**Course Description:** This course is designed to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge of early United States history and the impact that key events had not only to our own country but also to our world while focusing on eligible content within the common core standards for reading and language arts and the academic standards for social studies including history and economy. This course will focus on historical content from post War of 1812 through the US involvement in World War I while also analyzing the impact of diverse individuals on the development of America.

**Time/Credit for this Course:** One Full Academic Year

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# Curriculum Map

## **August/September:**

- Industrial Revolution & Nationalism
- Jacksonian Democracy
- Manifest Destiny

## **October:**

- Reformers & American identity
- Causes of the Civil War

## **November:**

- Causes of the Civil War
- Civil War

## **December:**

- Civil War
- Reconstruction

## **January:**

- Reconstruction

## **February:**

- An Industrial Society

## **March:**

- The Progressive Movement

## **April:**

- The United States as an Expansionist Nation

## **May:**

- U.S. Involvement in World War I

## **June:**

- Aftermath of World War

## Wilson Area School District Planned Course Materials

**Course Title:** American Cultures I

**Textbook:** *United States History: Beginnings to 1914*  
Holt McDougal  
2012

**Teacher Resources:**

- The History Channel Resources
- Power Presentations with Media Gallery
- Library of Primary Sources
- The Guided Reading Workbook
- Various media outlet articles for relevant current events, CNN 10 Student News

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Industrial Revolution & Nationalism

**Time frame:** 2 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C.8.5.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,E,F; 6.4.9.C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Determine the causes and effects of industrialization
- Explain how the free enterprise system developed in the United States
- Describe Eli Whitney's role in the industrialization Revolution
- Explain the significance of the cotton gin in American History

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Create an advertisement for one of the new inventions
- Missouri Compromise map
- Nationalism and Sectionalism poster
- Rotation Stations Activity: Inventions
- Court Cases

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various primary sources
- Newspapers
- Computers with approved internet sites

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Quizzes
- **Summative:**
  - Research projects
  - Writing projects
  - Test

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Jacksonian Democracy

**Time frame:** 1 week

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C.8.5.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 6.1.9.D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Explain how Andrew Jackson and his presidency changed the course of American democracy
- Describe the long-term impacts of Andrew Jackson’s policies toward Native Americans
- Explain how the Tariff of Abominations led to the Doctrine of Nullification

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Design a monument for the Trail of Tears
- “I am” Poem for Native American on Trail of Tears
- Jackson foldable
- Create a crossword
- Tim Tingle “Trail of Tears” short story
- [www.brainpop.com](http://www.brainpop.com) Video—Trail of Tears
- Andrew Jackson & The Growth of American Democracy HISTORY ALIVE!

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Video

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Test

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Manifest Destiny

**Time frame:** 1.5 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C.8.5.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F; 6.4.9.C,D;  
7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Describe the role Manifest Destiny played in westward expansion
- Explain how land and water transportation affected westward expansion
- Evaluate if the U.S.-Mexican War was justified
- Describe and explain the effects of territorial expansion on the U.S.
- Analyze maps to identify key territories and border changes, understand the role of geography in military strategy and evaluate the impact of Manifest Destiny and westward expansion.
- Analyze and label maps of U.S. territorial growth from 1783 to 1854 to identify key land acquisitions, understand the concept of Manifest Destiny, evaluate the political, economic, and social consequences of expansion.

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- “Not So Big Book of Westward Expansion”
- OPTIC on “American Progress” by John Gast—HISTORY ALIVE! Activity on painting
- Territorial Acquisition Map
- Manifest Destiny and the growing Nation—HISTORY ALIVE!
- Geography of the Mexican American War
- Westward Expansion Map Activity

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- Model Trojan horse
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- vocabulary lists
- graphic organizers
- differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Videos

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
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  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Reformers & American Identity

**Time frame:** 1 week

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C.8.5.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.6-8.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D;  
6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F; 6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Describe how did individuals and groups of people increased rights for citizens and non-citizens, contributed to our national identity, and worked to reform American society
- Explain how and why individuals and regions expressed their disagreements with the federal government
- Give justifications as to why people seek reform
- Describe how reformers, such as Dorothea Dix, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, William Lloyd Garrison, Frederick Douglass; impacted the United States
- Describe how religious and social factors of the early 1800s caused people to seek to improve conditions for others?

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Write a front page newspaper article for an Abolitionist newspaper
- Picket signs/posters for reform movements
- Reformer group activity
- Women's rights Little book
- An Era of Reform—HISTORY ALIVE!

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- Coliseum model
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Videos

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
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  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
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  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Causes of the Civil War

**Time frame:** 3 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:**

C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J; C.C.8.6-8 A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D, 6.2.9.A, C, D, E, F; 6.4.9.C, D; 7.3.9.A, B, C, D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- State the compromises Congress passed in order to lessen sectional conflicts in the early 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Describe how the issue of sectionalism affected the development of political parties in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- Explain how the growth of the United States contributed to the differences between the North and South
- Discuss the national and political issues which led to the decision of the Southern states to secede from the Union
- Explain how the theory of states' rights played a role in the outbreak of the Civil War

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Growth of slavery territorially map
- History Alive activity—compromises group activity
- Analysis of Dred Scott Decision
- Road to succession review activity
- Court Cases
- The Worlds of North & South—HISTORY ALIVE!
- African Americans in the mid-1800's—HISTORY ALIVE!
- A Dividing Nation—HISTORY ALIVE!

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Videos

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Civil War

**Time frame:** 5 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F;  
6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Describe how political and military leaders influenced the course of the Civil War
- State the strengths and weaknesses of the North and South
- Explain how the events at Gettysburg and Vicksburg changed the course of the war
- Describe what events led to the end of the Civil War and why
- Analyze and identify a historical map of the United States during the Civil War to identify Union, Confederate, and border states, understand strategic geographic advantages/disadvantages and evaluate how geography influenced the course of the war

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Illustrative timeline of events leading to Civil War
- Civil War foldable with map
- Compare/contrast Northern and southern points of view through dialogue
- Civil War battle maps
- Compare/contrast Lincoln's and Jefferson Davis' inaugural speeches
- The Civil War—HISTORY ALIVE!
- Map Activity

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- ABC book
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Videos

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** Reconstruction

**Time frame:** 3 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F;  
6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Explain how the promise for racial equality advanced during Reconstruction
- Analyze how economic, political, and social forces led to change in society
- Describe which post-Civil War amendment did the most to broaden rights for people of the United States
- Explain how the South was the same and different before and after Reconstruction

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Reconstruction riddles
- Reconstruction diamond activities/puzzles
- Chart on Homestead, Dawes and Morrill Acts
- The Reconstruction Era—HISTORY ALIVE!

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- ABC book
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Videos

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** An Industrial Society

**Time frame:** 3 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F;  
6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At the end of the unit, students will be able to explain how industrialization and immigration changed the face of American life.

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Newspaper article describing a new invention/technology and how its impacting economic development
- Immigration scrapbook project with specific focus on how this immigration affected both New York (Ellis Island) and California (Angel Island)

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- ABC book
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

- Google Slides and PowerPoint presentations
- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
- Computers with approved internet sites
- Videos

**Assessments:**

- **Diagnostic:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Pre-tests
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
- **Formative:**
  - Warm-ups
  - Informal observation
  - Questioning
  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** The Progressive Movement

**Time frame:** 2 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F;  
6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Describe how people affect change and reform
- Analyze the Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Amendments

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Picket signs/posters for Women's Suffrage
- Write a newspaper article supporting or opposing Prohibition
- Author a trifold brochure illustrating government regulations with specific attention given to Labor unions, Minimum Wage, workman's Compensation, Child Labor Laws, and Safety Regulations

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- ABC book
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

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- Textbook
- Various non-fiction sources
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**Assessments:**

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  - Learning stations
  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** The United States as an Expansionist Nation

**Time frame:** 1.5 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F;  
6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Explain how a nation balances its own needs with the needs of the world
- Highlight and Summarize the Open Door Policy as well as the Monroe Doctrine

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Timeline of Construction of Panama Canal

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- ABC book
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

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  - Quizzes
  - Projects
- **Summative:**
  - Writing projects
  - Tests

## Curriculum Scope & Sequence

**Planned Course:** American Cultures I

**Unit:** U.S. Involvement in World War I

**Time frame:** 3 weeks

**State Standards and Anchor(s) or Adopted Anchor:** C.C. 8.5.6-8A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I,J;  
C.C.8.6.A,B,C,D,E,F,G,H,I; 8.1.9.A,B,C,D; 8.3.9.A,B,C,D; 5.4.9.A,B,C,E; 6.1.9.D; 6.2.9.A,C,D,E,F;  
6.4.9.C,D; 7.3.9.A,B,C,D

**Essential content/objectives:** At end of the unit, students will be able to:

- Describe how the United States became involved in WWI
- Explain the events that let up to WWI
- Evaluate the effect of United States involvement in WWI

**Core Activities:** Students will complete/participate in the following:

- Create propaganda poster urging US involvement in World War I
- Timeline of events leading up to World War I and US involvement in the war
- Persuasive essay either supporting or opposing US involvement in World War I with specific focus given to after effects of the war (Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, Treaty of Versailles, League of Nations, Rise of Communism)

**Extensions:**

- Informational writing assignments
- Creative writing assignments
- Differentiated texts
- ABC book
- Analyze current events to develop media literacy skills

**Remediation:**

- Vocabulary lists
- Graphic organizers
- Differentiated texts

**Instructional Methods:**

- Large and small group instruction
- Guided and independent reading
- Learning stations
- Jigsaw activities

**Materials & Resources:**

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- **Summative:**
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