

# December



## 7th & 8th Grade History

### What We Are Learning

**7th Grade** - As we start the final 2 weeks of the semester, students will learn about the Republic of Texas and the Early Statehood of Texas.

**8th Grade** - In this unit, students will examine the domestic and foreign policies of President James Madison, with particular emphasis on the causes, major events, and consequences of the War of 1812. In addition, students will analyze the key domestic and foreign policy initiatives of President James Monroe, including the Missouri Compromise and the Monroe Doctrine. Through this study, students will develop a deeper understanding of early U.S. political challenges, territorial expansion, and the nation's evolving role in international affairs.

### Words To Know

#### 7th Grade -

Republic  
Homestead  
Artisan  
Subsistence Crop  
Cash Crop  
Squatter  
Amend  
Annexation  
Tariff  
Foreign Relations  
Domestic Affairs  
Manifest Destiny  
Joint Resolution  
Ratify

#### 8th Grade -

War of 1812  
War Hawks  
Impressment  
Battle of New Orleans  
Treaty of Ghent  
Nationalism  
Battle of Ft. McHenry  
Dolley Madison  
Sectionalism  
Missouri Compromise  
36°30' Line  
Westward Expansion  
Monroe Doctrine



### Upcoming Events

#### 7th Grade

12/10/25 - Unit 6 Test over the Republic of Texas and Early Statehood. The review will be handed out on Monday, December 8.

Semester Exam Information: We will have a comprehensive exam to wrap up the first semester. We will begin reviewing for the exam on Thursday, December 11.

#### 8th Grade:

12/12/25 - U.S. Constitution Test through Early Republic

December 16-18 - Semester Exams

### Important Reminders

Semester exam schedule for Texas History is as follows:

12/16: 9th Period

12/17: 2nd, 3rd and 4th Periods (early release)

12/18: 5th, 6th and 7th Periods (early release)

8th Grade: Interactive Notebook and Semester Exam (covering the U.S. Constitution through Early Republic)

Since backpacks are not allowed in the classroom, please remember to bring your "Leave Log", Pen or Pencil; and any papers from the previous two days to class.

