Bentonville Schools

8th Grade U.S. History (1850 - 1930) & Arkansas History
Year-at-a-Glance

In Grades K-7, students receive a strong foundation in social studies and United States history prior to its founding through the 18 th century. Grade 8 Social Studies has an emphasis on United States history from Era 5: Civil War and Reconstruction (1859) to Era 7: the Emergence of Modern America (1930). The desired outcome of this course is for students to develop an understanding of the cause-and-effect relationship between events, recognize patterns of interactions, and understand the impact of events in the United States within an interconnected world. The history of the United States during the nineteenth century includes the integration of social, political, economic, and geographic components. The history strand in Grade 8 is organized chronologically using the eras and time periods from the National Center for History in the Schools. Civics/government, economics, and geography should be embedded into instructional units that correlate with the historic eras under study.

In Grades K-6, students receive a foundation in Arkansas History. Arkansas History Grades 7-8 is an in-depth and rigorous study of civics/government, economics, geography, and history of the state. The format of this course encourages teachers to incorporate the social, cultural, and geographic information particular to their locality when developing district curriculum.

Arkansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: Grade 8 Social Studies, Arkansas History Academic Standards & Disciplinary Concepts

	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Unit Focus	Geographical Regions (US & AR) Review of Early US History Early Arkansas to Statehood	Antebellum Era US Civil War Reconstruction	Gilded Age Progressive Era Imperialism & WWI	Roaring 20s Great Depression WWII Civil Rights
Unit Essential Question(s)	- What are major themes in the study of history? - How does geography affect settlement patterns in Arkansas and the United States? - How did Arkansas become a state? - What regional tensions existed in the United States prior to the Civil War? - What caused regional tensions in the United States prior to the Civil War?	- How did economic development and social differences lead to regional tensions prior to the Civil War? - What are the political, social, and economic effects of the Civil War? - What are the political, social, and economic impacts of Reconstruction?	- How did the Second Industrial Revolution impact American society? - How did immigration impact American policy? - How do societal pressures determine political change during the Progressive Era? - How did America's desire to spread across the globe lead to America's involvement in WW1?	- How did the increase of consumerism and dependence on credit lead to the Great Depression? - How did World War 2 impact various populations of Arkansas socially, politically, and economically? - What social, political, and economic effects did the Civil Rights Movement have in Arkansas?
Essential Standards	H.1.ARH.1 Evaluate the significance of historical events and periods in early Arkansas. G.1.ARH.5 Analyze the impact of geographic features on settlement movement and	H.4.8.5 Develop historical arguments and explanations of causes of the Civil War: • Role of Congress and states' rights (e.g., power to admit new	H.4.8.11 Examine the causes and effects of immigration after 1870… H.5.8.1 Explain the origins, development, and impact of American	H.5.8.8 Examine reasons for and effects of social, economic, political, and cultural changes during the 1920s… H.1.ARH.11 Investigate social,

	patterns around the state. H.4.8.2 Analyze the development of regional tensions prior to the Civil War: • Economic development: (e.g., effects of cotton gin invention, Industrial Revolution, growth of manufacturing and railroads in northern states) • Political actions: (e.g., tariffs, nullification crisis, compromises, disenfranchisement of free blacks) • Expansion of slavery, immigration, and westward migration	states, tariff debate, Supremacy Clause, nullification crisis) • Debates on the issue of slavery (e.g., expansion vs. popular sovereignty vs. free soil anti-slavery vs. total abolition) • Sectionalism (e.g., cultural and economic differences between the North and South) H.4.8.9 Evaluate political, social, and economic impacts of Reconstruction:	expansionism… H.5.8.2 Analyze motives for and significance of America's entry into World War I… H.1.ARH.6 Analyze social, economic, and political reforms of the Progressive Era in Arkansas…	economic, and political effects of World War II on various segments of the population in Arkansas… H.1.ARH.12 Analyze social, economic, and political effects of the Civil Rights movement on various regions in Arkansas.
Texts	• *American History: myWorld Interactive Middle Grades* (Savvas Learning) • *The Arkansas Journey* (Gibbs Smith) • Primary & Secondary Source Documents			