

8th Grade United States History Syllabus

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Course Overview

Eighth grade students will study the European exploration of North America, along with the geographic features that influenced early settlements and colonies. This course will emphasize the development and maturation of the British colonies, and the political, cultural, and economic influences that led to the American Revolution. The major events and outcomes of the Revolutionary War will be analyzed, along with the individuals that played influential roles in the development of the new nation. Students will follow the development of the United States and its government, continuing through the early 19th century. The impact of the expansion of the United States will be analyzed, including implications on domestic and foreign policy. Policies that affected the American Indians will also be studied. The events leading up to the Civil War will be examined, along with the individuals and events that were significant during the war. The history, people, government, and geography of Tennessee will be emphasized in order to illustrate the role our state has played in American history. Reconstruction and the development of the American West will conclude this course. Appropriate primary sources and informational texts will be included in order to enhance understanding of the content.

Required Text

Discovering Our Past: A History of the United States-Early Years, (The American Journey To 1877), McGraw Hill Education

ISBN-13: 978-0076596850

Resources

We will use multiple primary source documents throughout the school year, and these will be provided to students as we cover them. Please refer to the pacing guide for standards that will be covered and primary sources that might be analyzed. The pacing guide can be found on both the school and district websites.

Course Schedule

1st Nine Weeks- Colonialism (1600-1750), Development of a New Nation (1720-1787)

2nd Nine Weeks- Development of a New Nation (1720-1787), The Constitution and Foundation of the American Political System (1777-1789), Growth of the Young Nation (1789-1849)

3rd Nine Weeks- The United States' Role on the World Stage (1789-1849), The Sectionalism of the American North, South, and West (1800-1850)

4th Nine Weeks- Civil War (1830-1865), Reconstruction (1865-1877), Westward Expansion after the Civil War (1865-1890)

Additional Information: Major projects will be determined throughout the school year.

