



East Carter Co. R-II School District
Course Scope and Sequence

Course: 8th grade American History

# OF DAYS	TOPICS
15	Unit 1: Exploration Topic 1: Native Americans Topic 2: Exploration Concepts: Viability of Native American Cultures before Europeans arrived. Diversity of Native American Cultures. Importance of the Exploration of the Americas.
15	Unit 2: Colonization Topic 1: Early Colonization Topic 2: Thirteen Colonies Concepts: Cultural interactions among Native Americans and colonists. Cultural interactions among Africans brought to America.
20	Unit 3: The Revolution Topic 1: Road to the Revolution Topic 2: The War Topic 3: Declaring Independence Concepts: Perspective of Patriots and Loyalists. Tariffs and Taxes placed on colonists by England. Causes of the American Revolution. Factors of Success for American Colonists. Declaration of Independence.
35	Unit 4: Creating a Government Topic 1: Principles of the Constitution Topic 2: Rights and Responsibilities Topic 3: Lawmaking Process Concepts: Important principles in the Constitution. Rights of Individuals in the United States. Important Concepts in the Constitution.

	<p>How Laws are made. Key Supreme Court Cases.</p>
20	<p>Unit 5: National Expansion Topic 1: Motivation Topic 2: Innovations Concepts: How expansion changed America. Louisiana Purchase Lewis and Clark Expedition Westward Expansion</p>
10	<p>Unit 6: Reform Movements Topic 1: Jacksonian Democracy Topic 2: The Women’s Movement Topic 3: Abolitionism Topic 4: The Industrial Revolution Concepts: Changes that occurred during the Jacksonian Democracy. How Reform Movements such as The Women’s Movement, and Abolitionism changed people’s perspective in America.</p>
30	<p>Unit 7: The Civil War Topic 1: The Causes of the War Topic 2: The Civil War Topic 3: Consequences of the Civil War Concepts: Sectionalism Causes of the Civil War Key battles and people of the Civil War Political, Economic and Social Consequences of the War</p>
5 days	<p>Unit 8: Reconstruction Topic 1: Political Consequences Topic 2: Economic Consequences Topic 3: Social Consequences Concepts: Decisions the government made for Reconstruction. Political, social, and economic consequences of Reconstruction.</p>

Course Description

In this course, students will be taught the Missouri Learning Standards for Social Studies. Students will examine American history from exploration through the Civil War and into Reconstruction. Students will focus on key events, important people, places and perspectives and make connections to present day America.