8th Grade US History Syllabus

United States History and Geography: Colonization to Reconstruction

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Class Time 7:45-3:15

Planning Period

2:10- 3:00 pm- daily

Eighth grade students will study the European exploration of North America, along with the geographic features that influenced early settlements and colonies and include a focus on connections to Tennessee. 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 American Revolution 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. Appropriate primary sources and informational texts will be included in order to enhance understanding of the content.

*Students are expected to Be Ready, Be Responsible and Be Respectful*.

All students are expected to participate whether in class or virtual learning and contribute to the learning environment. All students should come prepared to work at an acceptable level of competence.

All work must be completed in a timely manner. Any Make-up work must be completed ASAP – B.O.E. policy is 3 days.

***Topics to include:***

Colonial America

The Spirit of Independence

The American Revolution

A More Perfect Union

The Constitution

The Federalist Era

The Jefferson Era

Growth and Expansion

The Jackson Era

Manifest Destiny

Northern and Southern regions of the U.S.

The Spirit of Reform

Toward Civil War

Civil War

The Reconstruction Era