

Curriculum Map: 8th Grade U.S History (Pre-History - American Civil War)

Course: SOCIAL STUDIES 8 Sub-topic: General

Grade(s): 8

Course Description: In 8th grade social studies, Students will develop knowledge of their country's founding history and the civic expectations of citizens in the United States of America. Throughout the course we explore the foundations of colonization, the Revolutionary War, the creation of American government, and the Civil War. Our focus is to gain an understanding of how the cultural, economic, and governmental events of the past impact us today in our current historical context.

Course Textbooks, Workbooks, Materials Citations: Discovery Education Social Studies Tech Book - (U.S Prehistory - Reconstruction)

Course Interdisciplinary Connections: Project base learning, Primary Source analysis, Argumentative essay, Law-Day study and essay.

Unit: Intro: U.S Geography

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: U.S States and Capitals

Topic: U.S Landform and Climate Regions

Topic: U.S Cultural and Economic Regions

Unit: 1: Three Cultures Meet

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: Native American Culture

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: European Cultures

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: West African Cultures

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: European Exploration

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Cultural Exchange

Minutes for Topic: 82

Unit: 2: Colonial America

Timeline: 3 Weeks

Topic: European Colonization

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: New England Colonies

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Middle Colonies

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Southern Colonies

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Colonial Life: Multiple Perspectives

Minutes for Topic: 82

Unit: 3: Revolutionary America

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: The Colonies Come of Age

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Britain vs. the Colonists

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: The Declaration of Independence

Minutes for Topic: 41

Topic: The Revolution in American Society

Minutes for Topic: 41

Topic: Fighting for Independence

Minutes for Topic: 123

Unit: 4: Establishing a New Government

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: The Articles of Confederation

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Creating a Government

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: A More Perfect Union

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: The Bill of Rights

Minutes for Topic: 123

Unit: 5: Leaders and Challenges of a New Nation

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: Washington's Presidency

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: Hamilton vs. Jefferson

Minutes for Topic: 123

Unit: 6: Building a New National Identity

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: The Age of Jefferson

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: The War of 1812

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: Foreign Affairs

Minutes for Topic: 41

Topic: Challenges of Expansion

Minutes for Topic: 41

Unit: 7: New Horizons

Timeline: 2 Weeks

Topic: Jacksonian Democracy

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: The Native American Experience

Minutes for Topic: 41

Topic: Westward Expansion

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Life in the West

Minutes for Topic: 82

Unit: 8: Industrial Expansion and Reform

Timeline: 1 Weeks

Topic: Industrialization

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Urbanization and Immigration

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Reform Movements

Minutes for Topic: 41

Unit: 9: Slavery and the Civil War

Timeline: 3 Weeks

Topic: Slave Life and Culture

Minutes for Topic: 41

Topic: Regional Differences

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: The Road to Disunion

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: The Course of War

Minutes for Topic: 123

Topic: Impact of War

Minutes for Topic: 123

Unit: 10: Reconstruction

Timeline: 1 Weeks

Topic: Unity and Division

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: Post War Society

Minutes for Topic: 82

Topic: An Era Ends

Minutes for Topic: 41