

U.S. History Syllabus

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Course Description:

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 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. 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.

Access to Instructional Materials:

Textbooks will not be issued for this class. A class set will be available for use in the classroom. If you or your student would like to have a copy of the textbook, one can be issued on a case-by-case basis. Instructional materials can be made available by request. Please send requests to luke.lemons@chestercountyschools.org. TN State Standards for U.S. History can be accessed through the following link:

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/standards/ss/Social_Studies_Standards.pdf

Unit 1: Colonialization

Overview: Students will examine the European settlement of North America, geographic features that influenced early colonies, and the social, religious, political, and economic reasons for colonization.

	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
Week 1	8.01-8.04	Mapping the new Worlds is Student Book p 5-7,9	Jamestown Powhatan Plymouth Colony Mayflower	HW #1: Chief Powhatan Google Slide Week #1 Notes Week #1 Cloze Notes

			Compact Squanto	Quizizz Week #1 Paper Quiz Week #1 Paper Quiz Week #1 Key Google Form Quiz #1 Google Form Quiz Modified #1
Week 2	8.03-8.05	The Puritans Salem Witch Student Book p8-14	Massachusetts Bay Colony Anne Hutchinson Salem Witch Trials Rhode Island Colony Connecticut Colony Roger Williams Thomas Hooker New Netherlands	HW #2: Witchcraft in Salem Google Slide Notes Cloze Notes Quizizz Week #2 Paper Quiz Week #2 Paper Quiz Week #2 Key Google Form Quiz #2 Google Form Quiz Modified #2
Week 3	8.06-8.07	Student Book p15-16	Pennsylvania Quakers William Penn Philadelphia American Indians Role of women Georgia Colony, “debtor” colony “buffer” colony James Oglethorpe	HW #3: Quakers HW #3: Quakers - Modified Google Slide Notes Cloze Notes Quizizz Week #3 Paper Quiz Week #3 Paper Quiz Week #3 Key Google Form Quiz #3 Google Form Quiz Modified #3
Week 4	8.08-8.10	Student Book p17-24	Thirteen Colonies	HW #4: Slavery in the Colonies

			British settlements French settlements Spanish settlements slavery in the colonies Middle Passage.	HW#4: Slavery in the Colonies - Modified Google Slide Notes Cloze Notes Quizizz Week #4 Paper Quiz Week #4 Paper Quiz Week #4 Key Google Form Quiz #4 Google Form Quiz Modified #4
Week 5	8.11-8.12	Great Awakening Student Book	First Great Awakening Navigation book	HW#5: The Great Awakening HW#5: The Great Awakening - Modified Google Slide Notes Cloze Notes Quizizz Week #5 Paper Quiz Week #5 Paper Quiz Week #5 Key Google Form Quiz #5 Google Form Quiz Modified #5

Unit 2: The American Revolution 1700-1783 Overview: Students will explore the growing tensions between Great Britain and its colonies as well as the major events and outcomes surrounding the American Revolution.				
	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
Week 6	8.13-8.14		French and Indian War	

			<p>the massacre at Fort Loudoun</p> <p>the Treaty of Paris of 1763</p> <p>war debt</p> <p>Proclamation Line of 1763.</p> <p>Benjamin Franklin</p> <p>"Join or Die"cartoon</p> <p>Albany Plan of Union</p>	
Week 7	8.15-8.16	<p>The Stamp Act Document Gallery Walk</p>	<p>The Quartering Act, 1765</p> <p>The Stamp Act, 1765</p> <p>The Declaratory Act 1766</p> <p>The Townshend Acts, 1767</p> <p>The Boston Massacre, 1770</p> <p>The Boston Tea Party, 1773</p> <p>Intolerable/Coercive Acts 1774</p> <p>Sons of Liberty</p> <p>Thomas Paine's Common Sense</p>	
Week 8	8.17-8.19	<p>Loyalists</p>	<p>Battle of Lexington</p>	<p>HW#8 Causes of the American</p>

		Battle of Lexington Declaration of Independence	Battle of Concord Battle of Bunker (Breed's) Hill. Declaration of Independence Loyalists Patriots	Revolution HW#8 Modified
Week 9	8.20		Continental Army Battles of Trenton and Princeton Battle of Kings Mountain Battle of Saratoga Battle of Yorktown guerrilla warfare	HW #9: Major Battles of the Revolutionary War HW #9: Major Battles of the Revolutionary War Modified

<p>Unit 3: The New Nation</p> <p>Overview: Students will explore the foundation of U.S. government, the principles of the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution, and the individuals who played influential roles in the development of the new nation. In addition, students will examine the steps taken by Tennessee to achieve statehood and the initial development of government.</p>				
	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources

Week 10	8.21-8.22	Shay's Rebellion	<p>Articles of Confederation Land Ordinance of 1785 the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 the Northwest Territory, the Lost State of Franklin Shays' Rebellion James Madison George Washington the Great Compromise the Three-Fifths Compromise</p>	<p>HW #10: Five Issue at the Constitutional Convention HW #10: Modified</p>
Week 11	8.23-8.25	Anti-Federalist/Federalists	<p>Preamble the separation of powers federalism, and checks and balances</p> <p>Federalists Anti-Federalists Bill of Rights and states' rights. George Washington Whiskey Rebellion</p>	<p>HW#11: The United States Constitution (SS.8.33) HW#11: The United States Constitution Modified</p>

Week 12	8.26-8.28		Thomas Jefferson Alexander Hamilton John Adams the conflicts with Great Britain and France the XYZ Affair the Alien and Sedition Acts. TN first state constitution (1796)	HW#12: John Adams Presidency (8.37) HW#12: John Adams Presidency Modified

Unit 4: Growth of a Nation 1800-1820 Overview: Students will analyze the strengthening of the judicial branch, the major events of Thomas Jefferson's presidency, the War of 1812, and the role of the U.S. on the world stage.				
	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources

Week 13	8.29-8.31	Louisiana Purchase	Election of 1800 Chief Justice John Marshall Marbury v. Madison. Thomas Jefferson Barbary pirates Embargo Act Lewis and Clark Expedition Louisiana Purchase War of 1812 impressment Andrew Jackson William Henry Harrison Treaty of Ghent	HW #13: War of 1812 HW #13: War of 1812
Week 14	8.32-8.33		The Convention of 1818 The Adams-Onis Treaty The Monroe Doctrine	

Unit 5: Sectionalism and Reform (1790-1850)

Overview: Students will analyze the social, political, and economic development of the North and South during the early 19th century, including the growth of sectionalism and reform movements.

	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
Week 15	8.34-8.36	Nat Turner	locations of the cotton- producing states Pre-Civil War Nat Turner's revolt	
Week 16	8.37-8.39		American Industrial Revolution Eli Whitney trade unions Lowell System Role of the textile industry Samuel Slater	
Week 17	8.40-8.41		The Erie Canal The National Road Second Great Awakening	
Week 18	8.42-8.43	Background on Women's Suffrage	Women's Suffrage movement the Seneca Falls Convention Susan B. Anthony Elizabeth Cady Stanton Sojourner Truth.	HW#15: Women's Suffrage Movement HW #20: The Abolitionist Movement

			William Lloyd Garrison Frederick Douglass Elihu Embree Harriet Tubman	
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Unit 6: The Jacksonian Era (1824-1840)

Overview: Students will analyze the impact of John Marshall on the strengthening of the judicial branch and the major events of Andrew Jackson's presidency.

	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
Week 19	8.44-8.45		Chief Justice John Marshall Gibbons v. Ogden McCulloch v. Maryland Elections of 1824 and 1828 the corrupt bargain the spoils system Jacksonian Democracy	
Week 20	8.46-8.48	The Trail of Tears/Gilder Lehrman The Indian Removal and Trail of Tears	President Andrew Jackson The Bank of the U.S. The Nullification Crisis Indian Removal Act Worcester v. Georgia The Trail of Tears Tennessee Constitution of 1834	

Unit 7: Expansion and Division of the Nation (1820s-1860s)

Overview: Students will analyze the social, political, and economic impact of expansion on the U.S., the growing tensions between the North and South, and how compromise sought to hold the country together.

	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
Week 21	8.49-8.51	Manifest Destiny Texas Revolution	Manifest Destiny Missouri Compromise Compromise of 1820 Texas War for Independence David Crockett Sam Houston Alamo	HW #17: The Alamo
Week 22	8.52-54		Fur traders Mormons Oregon Trail Santa Fe Trail James K. Polk annexation of Texas settlement of the Oregon boundary The Mexican War	HW#19: The Mexican War
Week 23	8.55-8.57	Gold Rush Chinese Immigration	Gold in California forty-niners Asian immigrants	HW#14: Henry Clay's American Plan HW #14: Henry Clay's

			Compromise of 1850 Henry Clay The Fugitive Slave Act Harriet Beecher Stowe Uncle Tom's Cabin Gadsden Purchase of 1853	American Plan Modified
Week 24	8.58-8.60	John Brown	Kansas-Nebraska Act "Bleeding Kansas" Preston Brooks' attack on Charles Sumner John Brown Harper's Ferry Dred Scott v. Sandford Stephen Douglas Abraham Lincoln Senate race debates of 1858	HW #21: Dred Scott v Sandford HW #22: The Douglas-Lincoln Debate

Unit 8: The Civil War (1860-1865)

Overview: Students will examine the political changes that sparked the Civil War, the differences in the North and South, and the key leaders, events, battles, and daily life during the war.

	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
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Week 25	8.61-8.63	Fort Sumter	Election of 1860 John Bell Stephen Douglas Abraham Lincoln John Breckinridge Lincoln and Davis Fort Sumter First Battle of Bull Run Battle of Shiloh Battle of Antietam Battle of Gettysburg Battle of Vicksburg Sherman's March to the Sea Surrender at Appomattox Court House David Farragut Nathan Bedford Forrest Ulysses S. Grant; Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson Robert E. Lee	
Week 26	8.64-8.66	Emancipation Proclamation	The Emancipation Proclamation The Gettysburg	

			Address. The Massachusetts 54th Regiment at Fort Wagner The 13th U.S. Colored Troops Sam Watkins Elisha Hunt Rhodes	
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Unit 9: Reconstruction (1865-1877)

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tensions between the North and South, and how compromise sought to hold the country together.

	Standard	Close Read/Text Talk	PEP	Resources
Week 27	8.67-8.68		The assassination of President Abraham Lincoln Andrew Johnson's ascension to the presidency The 13th Amendment The 14th Amendment The 15th Amendment	
Week 28	8.69-8.71	Radical Reconstruction Reconstruction SAC Thomas Nast's Political Cartoon	Abraham Lincoln's Ten Percent Plan President Andrew Johnson's Plan The Radical Republican Plan for Reconstruction. Tennessee Constitution of 1870 poll tax. Johnson's veto of the Tenure of Office Act Johnson's impeachment	

Week 29	8.72-8.73		racial segregation, black codes The Freedmen's Bureau Ku Klux Klan vigilante justice Governor William Brownlow	
Week 30	8.74-8.75		carpetbaggers scalawags Compromise of 1877	

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