



## **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 wes.murphy@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](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	<a href="#">Mapping the new Worlds</a> is Student Book p 5-7,9	Jamestown Powhatan Plymouth Colony Mayflower Compact Squanto	<a href="#">HW #1: Chief Powhatan</a> <a href="#">Google Slide</a> <a href="#">Week #1 Notes</a> <a href="#">Week #1 Cloze Notes</a> <a href="#">Quizizz Week #1</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #1</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #1 Key</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz #1</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz Modified #1</a>
Week 2	8.03-8.05	<a href="#">The Puritans</a> <a href="#">Salem Witch</a> Student Book p8-14	Massachusetts Bay Colony Anne Hutchinson Salem Witch Trials Rhode Island Colony Connecticut Colony Roger	<a href="#">HW #2: Witchcraft in Salem</a> <a href="#">Google Slide</a> <a href="#">Notes</a> <a href="#">Cloze Notes</a> <a href="#">Quizizz Week #2</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #2</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #2 Key</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz #2</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz Modified #2</a>

			Williams Thomas Hooker New Netherlands	
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	<a href="#">HW #3: Quakers</a> <a href="#">HW #3: Quakers - Modified</a> <a href="#">Google Slide</a> <a href="#">Notes</a> <a href="#">Cloze Notes</a> <a href="#">Quizizz Week #3</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #3</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #3 Key</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz #3</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz Modified #3</a>
Week 4	8.08-8.10	Student Book p17-24	Thirteen Colonies British settlements French settlements Spanish settlements slavery in the colonies Middle Passage.	<a href="#">HW #4: Slavery in the Colonies</a> <a href="#">HW#4: Slavery in the Colonies - Modified</a> <a href="#">Google Slide</a> <a href="#">Notes</a> <a href="#">Cloze Notes</a> <a href="#">Quizizz Week #4</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #4</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #4 Key</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz #4</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz Modified #4</a>
Week 5	8.11-8.12	<a href="#">Great Awakening</a> Student Book	First Great Awakening Navigation book	<a href="#">HW#5: The Great Awakening</a> <a href="#">HW#5: The Great Awakening - Modified</a>

				<a href="#">Google Slide</a> <a href="#">Notes</a> <a href="#">Cloze Notes</a> <a href="#">Quizizz Week #5</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #5</a> <a href="#">Paper Quiz Week #5 Key</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz #5</a> <a href="#">Google Form Quiz Modified #5</a>
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<b>Unit 2: The American Revolution 1700-1783</b>				
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.				
	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Week 6	8.13-8.14		French and Indian War the massacre at Fort Loudoun the Treaty of Paris of 1763 war debt Proclamation Line of 1763. Benjamin Franklin "Join or Die"cartoon Albany Plan of Union	
Week 7	8.15-8.16	<a href="#">The Stamp Act</a> <a href="#">Document Gallery Walk</a>	The Quartering Act, 1765	

			<p>The Stamp Act, 1765  The Declaratory Act  1766  The Townshend Acts,  1767  The Boston Massacre,  1770  The Boston Tea Party,  1773  Intolerable/Coercive  Acts 1774  Sons of Liberty  Thomas Paine's  Common Sense</p>	
Week 8	8.17-8.19	<a href="#">Loyalists</a> <a href="#">Battle of Lexington</a> <a href="#">Declaration of Independence</a>	<p>Battle of Lexington  Battle of Concord Battle  of Bunker (Breed's) Hill.  Declaration of  Independence  Loyalists  Patriots</p>	<p><a href="#">HW#8 Causes of the American Revolution</a>  <a href="#">HW#8 Modified</a></p>
Week 9	8.20		<p>Continental Army  Battles of Trenton and  Princeton  Battle of Kings Mountain  Battle of Saratoga Battle  of Yorktown guerrilla</p>	<p><a href="#">HW #9: Major Battles of the Revolutionary War</a>  <a href="#">HW #9: Major Battles of the Revolutionary War Modified</a></p>

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<b>Unit 3: The New Nation</b>				
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.				
	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Week 10	8.21-8.22	<a href="#">Shay's Rebellion</a>	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	HW #10: <a href="#">Five Issue at the Constitutional Convention</a>  <a href="#">HW #10: Modified</a>

			Compromise the Three-Fifths Compromise	
Week 11	8.23-8.25	<a href="#">Anti-Federalist/Federalists</a>	<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: <a href="#">The United States Constitution</a> (SS.8.33)</p> <p>HW#11: <a href="#">The United States Constitution Modified</a></p>
Week 12	8.26-8.28		<p>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)</p>	<p>HW#12: <a href="#">John Adams Presidency</a> (8.37)</p> <p>HW#12: <a href="#">John Adams Presidency Modified</a></p>

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<b>Unit 4: Growth of a Nation 1800-1820</b>				
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.				
	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Week 13	8.29-8.31	<a href="#">Louisiana Purchase</a>	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	<a href="#">HW #13: War of 1812</a> <a href="#">HW #13: War of 1812</a>



			Andrew Jackson William Henry Harrison Treaty of Ghent	
Week 14	8.32-8.33		The Convention of 1818 The Adams-Onis Treaty The Monroe Doctrine	

<b>Unit 5: Sectionalism and Reform (1790-1850)</b>				
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.				
	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Week 15	8.34-8.36	<a href="#">Nat Turner</a>	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	<a href="#">Background on Women's Suffrage</a>	Women's Suffrage movement the Seneca Falls Convention Susan B. Anthony Elizabeth Cady Stanton Sojourner Truth. William Lloyd Garrison Frederick Douglass Elihu Embree Harriet Tubman	<a href="#">HW#15: Women's Suffrage Movement</a> <a href="#">HW #20: The Abolitionist Movement</a>

### **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.

	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
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	<a href="#">The Trail of Tears/Gilder Lehrman</a> <a href="#">The Indian Removal and Trail of Tears</a>	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.

	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
Week 21	8.49-8.51	<a href="#">Manifest Destiny</a> <a href="#">Texas Revolution</a>	Manifest Destiny Missouri Compromise Compromise of 1820 Texas War for Independence David Crockett Sam Houston	<a href="#">HW #17: The Alamo</a>

			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	<a href="#">HW#19: The Mexican War</a>
Week 23	8.55-8.57	<a href="#">Gold Rush</a> <a href="#">Chinese Immigration</a>	Gold in California forty-niners Asian immigrants Compromise of 1850 Henry Clay The Fugitive Slave Act Harriet Beecher Stowe Uncle Tom's Cabin Gadsden Purchase of 1853	<a href="#">HW#14: Henry Clay's American Plan</a>  <a href="#">HW #14: Henry Clay's American Plan Modified</a>
Week 24	8.58-8.60	<a href="#">John Brown</a>	Kansas-Nebraska Act "Bleeding Kansas" Preston Brooks' attack on Charles	<a href="#">HW #21: Dred Scott v Sandford</a>  <a href="#">HW #22: The Douglas-</a>

			Sumner John Brown Harper's Ferry Dred Scott v. Sandford Stephen Douglas Abraham Lincoln Senate race debates of 1858	<a href="#">Lincoln Debate</a>
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<b>Unit 8: The Civil War (1860-1865)</b> 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.				
	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>

Week 25	8.61-8.63	<a href="#">Fort Sumter</a>	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	<a href="#">Emancipation Proclamation</a>	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)**

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.

	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Close Read/Text Talk</b>	<b>PEP</b>	<b>Resources</b>
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	<a href="#">Radical Reconstruction</a> <a href="#">Reconstruction SAC</a> <a href="#">Thomas Nast's Political Cartoon</a>	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	

**\*\*\*This syllabus is subject to change if needed.\*\*\***