



## **Syllabus For**

### **DMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History**

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**Welcome to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History! This syllabus shows a monthly breakdown of the standards your child will be taught, the objectives set forth to master those standards, and any major project or assignment that will assist in the mastery of those objectives.**

**We have completed this syllabus as a grade-level and content-area team in order to focus on consistency, and we have followed the state-approved blueprint. Specific weekly lesson plans will still be located on our school website: [www.dekalbmiddleschoolsaints.com](http://www.dekalbmiddleschoolsaints.com) . They will be listed under your child's grade and teacher, per subject.**

**Thank you! Let's have a phenomenal year!**

#### **2016-2017**

##### **❖ August- Colonialism (1600-1750)**

- ✚ Explain the primary motivations for English colonization of the New World, including the rise of the middle class, joint stock companies, the need to move surplus population and the search for religious freedom.
- ✚ Trace and explain the founding of the Jamestown colony.
- ✚ Explain the founding of the Plymouth Colony, including Separatists, William Bradford, the Mayflower, the Mayflower Compact and Squanto.
- ✚ Analyze the reasons for the settlement of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the events and the key figures of the early colonies.
- ✚ Describe the settlement of New Netherlands and the subsequent possession of the colony by the English.
- ✚ Analyze the founding of Pennsylvania as a haven for Quakers and the tolerance that drew many different groups to the colony.

##### **❖ September- American Revolution**

- ✚ Evaluate the contributions of Benjamin Franklin to American society in the areas of science, writing and literature, and politics, including analysis of excerpts from Poor Richard's Almanac, The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin, the Albany Plan of Union and the "Join or Die" cartoon.

- ✚ Describe the impact of the John Peter Zenger trial on the development of the principle of a free press.
- ✚ Describe the causes, course, and outcome of the French and Indian War, including the massacre at Fort Loudoun.
- ✚ Analyze the social, political and economic causes of the American Revolution and the major battles, leaders and events.
- ✚ Determine the central ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence and write an expository piece in which the legacy of these ideas in today's world is described and validated with supporting evidence from the text.
- ✚ Using Thomas Paine's Common Sense and The Crisis identify aspects of the texts that reveal the author's point of view and purpose including
  - ✚ loaded language.
- ✚ Identify and explain the significance of the major battles, leaders and events of the American Revolution.
- ✚ Summarize the effect of the Revolution on the Wataugans and the reasons, plans and struggles in creating the Cumberland Settlement.
- ✚ Compare the points of views of the Loyalists and Patriots by integrating visual information through charts, graphs or images with print texts.
  - Signer of the Declaration of Independence Presentation

### ❖ **October- The Constitution**

- ✚ Describe the significance of the Magna Carta, the English Bill of Rights and the Mayflower Compact in relation to the development of government in America.
- ✚ Analyze the Land Ordinance of 1785 and the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 and their impact on the future development of western settlement and the spread of public education and slavery.
- ✚ Analyze the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation, including no power to tax, no common currency, no control of interstate commerce and no executive branch; also the failure of the Lost State of Franklin and the impact of Shays' Rebellion.
- ✚ Identify the various leaders of the Constitutional Convention and analyze the major issues they debated.

### ❖ **November- The Constitution continued**

- ✚ Write an opinion piece arguing for the importance of a particular right as it impacts individuals and or groups, using evidence from the Bill of Rights and contemporary informational text.
- ✚ Describe the principles embedded in the Constitution, including the purposes of government listed in the Preamble, separation of powers, check and balances, the amendment process, federalism and recognition of and protections of individual rights in the Bill of Rights.
- ✚ Analyze the major events of George Washington's presidency, including Pinckney's Treaty, Jay's Treaty, the Whiskey Rebellion, and precedents set in his Farewell Address.
- ✚ Explain the loose versus strict interpretation of the Constitution and how the conflicts between Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton resulted in the emergence of two political parties by analyzing their views of foreign policy,

economic policy, funding, and the assumption of the revolutionary debt.

- ✚ Explain the controversies that plagued the administration of John Adams, including the conflicts with England and France and the Alien and Sedition Acts.

### ❖ **December- Growth of a Young Nation**

- ✚ Analyze the role played by John Marshall in strengthening the central government.
- ✚ Identify the leaders and vents and analyze the impact of western expansion to and to the development of Tennessee statehood.
- ✚ Describe daily life - including traditions in art, music and literature - of early national America by examining excerpts from the stories of Washington Irving and James Fenimore Cooper.
- ✚ Explain the major events of Jefferson's Presidency.
- ✚ Analyze the impact of the Lewis and Clark expedition.
  - My Government Book

### ❖ **January- United States' Role in the World Stage (1789-1849)**

- ✚ Explain the causes, course and consequences of the war of 1812, including the major battles, leaders, event and role of Tennessee.
  - Impressment
  - War hawks
  - Henry Clay
  - Burning of Washington
  - Fort McHenry
  - William Henry Harrison
  - Tecumseh
  - Andrew Jackson
  - Battle of Horseshoe Bend
  - Battle of New Orleans
- ✚ Identify on a map the changing boundaries of the United States including the convention of 1818 and Adams-Onis Treaty.
- ✚ Analyze the relationship the United States had with Europe including the influence of the Monroe Doctrine.

### ❖ **February- Sectionalism of the North, South, and West (1800-1850)**

- ✚ Analyze the physical obstacles to and the economic and political factors involved in building a network of roads, canals and railroads, including Henry Clay's "American System".
- ✚ Explain the causes and effects of the wave of immigration from Northern Europe to the United States, and describe the growth in the number, size and spatial arrangements of cities as a result of events such as the Great Potato Famine.

- ✚ Analyze the 19th century reforms influenced by the 2nd Great Awakening such as the Temperance Movement, Prison Reform, Mental Health Reform and education, including tent meetings, establishment of new churches, Horace Mann, Dorothea Dix and temperance Societies.
- ✚ Trace the development of the agrarian economy in the South, the locations of the cotton producing states, and the significance of cotton, the cotton gin and the role of Memphis as the Cotton Capital of the South.
- ✚ Explain the events and impact of the presidency of Andrew Jackson.

### ❖ **March- Civil War & Reconstruction**

- ✚ Analyze the reasons, outcome and legacy of groups moving west including the mountain men/trail blazers, Mormons, missionaries and settlers and the impact of the Oregon Trail and John C. Fremont.
- ✚ Describe the causes, course, and consequences of the Mexican War, including the controversy over the Rio Grande boundary, the roles played by Zachary Taylor and Winfield Scott, the Mexican Cession and the Wilmot Proviso. (C, E, G, H, P)
- ✚ Describe the reasons for and the impact of the Missouri Compromise of 1820.
- ✚ Analyze the impact of the various leaders of the abolitionist movement, including John Brown and armed resistance; Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad; William Lloyd Garrison and The Liberator; Frederick Douglass and the Slave Narratives; and Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin, Virginia Hill and Free Hill, Tennessee; Francis Wright and Nashoba Commune; and Elihu Embree's The Emancipator.
- ✚ Examine the arguments presented by Stephen Douglas and Abraham Lincoln in the Illinois Senate race debate of 1858
- ✚ Identify the conditions of enslavement, and explain how slaves adapted and resisted in their daily lives.
- ✚ Assess the impact of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln on both the North and the South.
- ✚ Explain the significance of 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution.
- ✚ Analyze the choice of Andrew Johnson as Vice-President, his succession to the Presidency, his plan for Reconstruction and his conflict with the Radical Republicans.
- ✚ Compare the 10% Plan to the Radical Republican Plan for Reconstruction.

### ❖ **April- Review and TCAP Preparation**

- ✚ **Review of all standards in preparation for TCAP**

### ❖ **May- High School History Preview**