



Social Studies 8
2011-2012 School Year
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Brief Course Description:

Social Studies content in grade 7 and 8 focuses on a chronologically organized study of US and New York State history. Course content is divided into eleven units, tracing the human experience in the US from pre Columbian times to the present, and tying political, geographic, economic, and social trends in US History to parallel trends and time frames in New York State history. Social Studies 8 covers material concerning Reconstruction to the present (or units 6.3-11) plus review.

Expectations:

- ✓ Requirements: You will be required to bring a three ring notebook, a pen, a pencil, and your assignment book daily.
- ✓ Grading: Grades will be calculated as follows:

Participation	- 10%
Quiz	- 20%
Essay/Project	- 20%
Homework	- 25%
Tests	- 25%
- ✓ Textbook: You will be assigned a textbook. It is your responsibility to take care of your book. Take your book home and cover it! You can leave your book at home for homework (we have a class set to keep in the room.) If you lose your book, you will be responsible for the replacement cost (\$70).
- ✓ Absences: If you are absent, you are responsible for meeting with me to discuss missed work. You can get notes from me or a classmate but you must make up all missed work. You can also check my website for information on all homework assignments.
- ✓ Behavior: You will follow all school rules while in this room. This includes the dress code- no hats, electronics, etc.
- ✓ Daily Activities: You will record all homework assignments in your daily planner. They will be written in the corner of the board each day. Be sure to copy the assignment for your class period!

TEXT:

America: History of Our Nation (Prentice Hall)

Other materials:

Social Studies 8 Big Review (N&N)

Primary Sources

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Subunit</u>	<u>Topic(s)</u>	<u>Standard(s)</u>
Unit 6 Division and Reunion	6.3 Results	Reconstruction	1,5
Unit 7 An Industrial Society	7.1 Maturing of Industrial Society	West, Industry	1,3,4,5
	7.2 Changes In Social Structure	Immigration	1,2,3,4,
	7.3 Progressive Movement	Progressives	1,4,5
Unit 8 US as Independent Nation In Increasingly Interdependent World	8.1 US Expands Territory	Spanish American War	1,2,3,4,5
	8.2 US Takes Role in Globe	World War I	1,2,3,4,5
Unit 9 US Between Wars	9.1 Roaring 20s/Post War	Roaring 20s	1,2,3,4,5
	9.2 Great Depression	Depression, New Deal	1,2,3,4,5
Unit 10 US Assumes World Wide Responsibilities	10.1 World War II	World War II	1,2,3,4,5
	10.2 US as leader of free world	Cold WAR	1,2,3,4,5
	10.3 US in Post Cold War World	Global Issues	1,2,3,4,5
Unit 11 Changing Nature of American People from WWII to Present	11.1 Post War Society Characterized By prosperity and Optimism	1950s, Civil Rights, JFK-Obama	1,2,3,4,5
	11.2 US Begins Global Era	Tech and Problems of today	1,2,3,4,5
Review Unit		Review Units 1-11	1,2,3,4,5

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I have reviewed the expectations / course description for social studies 8 with my son, daughter, and parent.

Student Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email _____

Parent Phone Number _____