

8th Grade Social Studies

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Course Content

American History from the Civil War through current times.

Specific Topics Include but are not limited to:

- I. The Civil War
- II. Reconstruction
- III. Industrial Age
- IV. Immigration
- V. Progressives
- VI. America as a World Power
- VII. World War I
- VIII. Roaring 20's
- VIX. Great Depression
- X. World War II
- XI. The Cold War
- XII. Civil Rights
- XIII. Vietnam War
- XIV. The 1970's and 80's
- XV. Current Times

Skill Development/Refinement

We work on the ELA skills of listening, reading, writing, and speaking. Writing includes using historical documents, making a claim and then supporting that claim with evidence from the document and the students' knowledge of social studies.

Study Guide

During the year each student will have a series of questions to answer. These are located in the google classroom. These documents will serve as the study guide for the students at the unit as they prepare for an assessment and end of the year when they take the Final Exam.

The study guide questions are considered practice work and are graded for completion more than for accuracy.

Grading

Grading is done using a point total system. Think of this as a fraction. An assignment is worth a set number of points. This number is on the bottom of the fraction. The student earns points by completing the work. This number is on the top of the fraction. No percentages are generated until the end of the semester for the report card grade.

Study guide questions not completed on time are accepted late but are penalized at 50%. We go over the answers in class so they get half credit for copying the information off of the screen.

Late work is accepted but penalized at a maximum of 20%. So if a student hands in an assignment done without an error and would earn a 5/5, if the assignment is handed in late then the grade would be 4/5 with a point deducted for the work being handed in late.

Guiding Resources

Links

[NYS Curriculum K-8](#)

[National Council For Social Studies](#)

[New Visions for Public Schools](#)

Textbook

United States History. Houghton Mifflin, Harcourt Publishing. Edition 2018
Full Survey. ISBN:975-0-544-45414-9

United States History. Houghton Mifflin, Harcourt Publishing. Edition 2012
Full Survey. ISBN:978-0-547-48428-0