



8th Grade U.S. History

Course Overview:

In this class you will explore the historical milestones and significant people and events in the United States. From rebellion and revolution to compromise and expansion to civil war and reconstruction, you will examine how the United States grew from thirteen colonies to the constitutional republic it is today.

Expectations: You will take an active role in your own learning.

- Be prepared,
- Be respectful.
- Be responsible.

Classroom Policies

- Enter the classroom quietly and leave your backpack along the wall.
- Move quietly to your seat with your materials before the bell rings.
- Flexible seating may be offered once the lesson is introduced.
- During instruction you are not permitted to talk unless called upon.
- During instruction or classroom discussion you will remain seated.
- During quizzes/tests you are to maintain your integrity, remain silent, and not disrupt the testing environment.
- Phones may only be used in class as directed.
- When the bell rings three times, clean up your area, pack up, and return to your assigned seat.
- Quiet, seated students will be dismissed.

Required Materials

- One 100-page single-subject notebook
- 2 black ballpoint pens
- Gluestick
- Highlighter

Grading Policies

Academic: Here is the breakdown of how your academic grade will be derived.

Classwork	40%
Tests	25%
Quizzes	15%
Projects	15%
Participation	5%

Classwork: This pertains to you actually being present in the class and completing the work. With an excused absence you will be excused from the classwork grade that day. It is your responsibility to get any notes or to read any assignments missed, as all quizzes and tests are based on classwork. You cannot make up points for non-excused absences.

Make-up Work: In the event of an absence, you will be able to access all material via google classroom. You must come in during homeroom or make an appointment for before school to take missed quizzes or tests. You will have one week to take make-up quizzes or tests. I will drop your lowest quiz score.

Extra-credit: This is explained in the Trimester Plan as “Something More” and will be available after the 6-week progress reports go out each trimester.

Citizenship: You are expected to adhere to school and classroom policies. When in class, anytime you disrupt the learning environment or violate a school or classroom policy, it will affect your citizenship grade. Daily citizenship will be tracked using the 1-4 system with final weekly tallies being entered into the gradebook. Grades are based on the total points accrued during the reporting period.

0-2	A
3-5	B
6-9	C
10-14	D
15+	F

Effort: Your notebook grade will determine the effort grade.

Zangle: Grades will be updated weekly (Sunday nights) in Zangle.