

American History Syllabus - 8th Grade

First Quarter Grading Period

Colonialism: *Students will examine European settlement of North America, geographic features that influenced early colonies, and the social, religious, political, and economic reasons for colonization.*

Standards: 8.01 - 8.12

The American Revolution: *Students will explore the growing tensions between Great Britain and its colonies as well as the major events and outcomes surrounding the American Revolution.*

Standards: 8.13 - 8.20

CFA: TBA

Second Quarter Grading Period

The New Nation: *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 the government.*

Standards: 8.21 -8.28

Growth of a Young Nation: *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.*

Standards: 8.29 -8.33

CFA: TBA

Third Quarter Grading Period

Sectionalism and Reform: *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.*

Standards: 8.34 - 8.43

The Jacksonian Era: *Students will analyze the impact of John Marshall on the strengthening of the judicial branch and the major events of Andrew Jackson's presidency.*

Standards: 8.44 - 8.48

Expansion and Division of the Nation: *Students will analyze the social, political, and economical impact of expansion on the U.S., the growing tensions between the North and the South, and how compromise sought to hold the country together.*

Standards: 8.48 - 8.57

CFA: TBA

Fourth Quarter Grading Period

The Civil War: *Students will examine the political changes that sparked the Civil War, the difference in the North and South, and the key leaders, events, battles, and daily life during the War.*

Standards: 8.58 - 8.66

Reconstruction: *Students will analyze the social, economic, and political changes and conflicts during Reconstruction, the events and lasting consequences of Reconstruction, and the Reconstruction's impact on Tennessee.*

Standards: 8.67 - 8.75

No CFA.