

Curriculum Guide

8th Grade Social Studies

Textbook: *Why We Remember*, Addison-Wesley

The curriculum for eighth grade social studies centers on learning American History from the Civil War era to present day United States history. Each chapter centers on a specific era in history, focusing on how these events influence America today. Here is a rough outline of where we will be each month. This is subject to change.

August-September:

- Review of previous year's history
- Unit 6: Civil War and Reconstruction
 - Chapter 17: The Gathering Storm
 - Chapter 18: The Civil War
- Novel Study

October:

- Chapter 19: Reconstruction
- Unit 7: New Horizons
 - Chapter 20: The Changing West

November:

- Chapter 21: The Rise of Industry and Big Business
- Chapter 22: The Growth of Cities

December:

- Unit 8: Questions of Power
 - Chapter 23: An Era of Reform
- Chapter 24: Overseas Expansion

January:

- Chapter 25: World War I
- Unit 9: Trials at Home and Abroad
 - Chapter 26: The Twenties

February:

- Chapter 27: The Depression and New Deal
 - FDR study/Pre-WWII
- Chapter 28: World War II

March:

- Novel Study: Japanese War Camps
- Unit 10: Power and Responsibilities
 - Chapter 29: The Cold War Era

April:

- Chapter 30: The Postwar Years at Home
- Chapter 31: New Roles in a Changing World

May: Review/Projects