

UNITS/TOPICS TO BE COVERED

This syllabus is designed to give a general overview of the 8th grade Social Studies/U.S. History class. Students will be writing, working on group activities and projects, geography, civics, and economics throughout the year. We begin with a review of the Civil War, move through U.S. history, and end at present-day America.

Writing will include: DAR essay, research projects, small essays throughout the year, and major tests will include short essay questions. There will be a large family history research paper that will be combined with Social Studies and Language Arts.

Oral Presentations

Students will be making oral presentations throughout the year, in groups and individually.

Geography

Map skills and cultures will be taught through text and classroom activities. Students will participate in the school-wide Geography Bowl.

Absences: There is a crate for 8th Grade Social Studies containing file folders for each month. A copy of the lesson plans are in the crate, as well as worksheets and handouts if you are absent. **Students** are responsible to check there for work missed if they are absent and then with me for clarification of assignments. A student with an excused absence has as many days to make up the work as they were absent. If the work is turned in during this time period, students have the opportunity to receive full credit.

If you have an assignment due and you are absent on the turn-in day, it is due on the day you return.

Homework 6-Pass: Students will be receiving a 6-Pass/Semester for daily homework. If a daily assignment is late the student may forfeit 1 of the 6-Pass and turn the assignment in the next day with no penalty on the homework grade.

If the "6-passed" assignment is not turned in the next day the student will be graded according the following schedule:

- 1st Quarter: 10% will be taken off all late assignments/day
- 2nd Quarter: 25% will be taken off all late assignments/day
- 3rd Quarter: 50% will be taken off all late assignments/day
- 4th Quarter: No late work accepted (unless you use a 6-pass)

The 6-Pass may NOT be used on any long term assignments.

Outside Reading/Extra Credit: Students will be expected to have a book to read in class, preferably historical-based fiction, biographies or autobiographies. Students may read two books and take 2 AR tests PER QUARTER and earn 25 homework points per test. **They must pass the AR test with 80% or higher to earn extra credit.** They must print out their results & turn it in for credit. AR extra credit deadlines will be posted near the end of each quarter.

On-Line Text Information

Much of the information from the book can be accessed online. You can **LISTEN** to the text, do chapter reviews, online reviews, games, and quizzes, as well as watch videos about the chapter.

The website does have limitations - Most Section Review questions are NOT online.

GO TO:

www.glencoe.com

QuickPass:

Enter: **TAJ7127C**___ (fill in chapter number - MUST BE ALL CAPITAL LETTERS!) then click on GO - This will take you to the chapter. There are sections for Textbook Resources, Classroom Resources, Chapter Resources, and Section Resources.

If you want to **LISTEN** to the chapter/section, go to the **Classroom Resources** section & click on the "Glencoe Media Center" which will open a new page. On the Glencoe Media Center page, you must select

State - Colorado

Subject - Social Studies

Level - High School

Book - The American Journey (blue cover)

You then have the option to listen to the chapter on the **Audio Library**.

It will begin to play - you can pause, replay, or move forward on the streaming taskbar.

Grading:

Tests - 30%

Quizzes - 20%

Projects - 30%

Homework - 20%

In-Class work - 20%

Extra Credit - 20%

Preparation & Participation - 20%

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