

**COURSE DESCRIPTION
EIGHTH GRADE
UNITED STATES HISTORY**

Philosophy Statement: Social Studies reveals God's sovereign plan through humanity's interaction with nature, social institutions, and community. It is through the understanding of these interactions that students evaluate the patterns of the past in order to work to fulfill God's Kingdom here on Earth.

Objectives: The students will explore a chronological account of our nation's history from America's discovery through the beginning of World War I. The student will discover proper ways to interact with government and be a responsible citizen.

Textbook: Discovering Our Past: The American Journey (Glencoe)

Materials: Student Binder, In-class portfolio, Reading Guides

Time Allotment: 1 hr. 45 min. block, 2 days a week; +50 minute period, 1day a week

Course Content: Unit 1: A Changing World
Unit 2: Creating a Nation
Unit 2: Launching the Republic
Unit 4: The Young Republic
Unit 5: Civil War and Reconstruction
Unit 6: Reshaping the Nation

Areas to be Evaluated: Class Participation (10%)
Homework Assignments (30%)
Tests (30%)
Quizzes (10%)
Projects (20%)

Additional Activities:
Bill Becomes a Law Simulation
Lewis and Clark Corp of Discovery Journal
Ken Burns' Documentary of the Civil War
Steps towards Independence Project
1940 Radio Shows