

Eighth Grade Social Studies: United States History

Course Objective:

The purpose of this course is to discover where we have been in the past, what is happening in the present, and where we are headed to in the future.

Topics of Study:

- Unit 1: Geography of America
- Unit 2: Early Native American Cultures
- Unit 3: The Age of Exploration
- Unit 4: Colonial Life & The American Revolution
- Unit 5: The Constitution in a New Nation
- Unit 6: Manifest Destiny in a Growing Nation
- Unit 7: The Civil War & Reconstruction of the South

Required Materials For Class Each Day:

- Folder (Blue)
- A pen or pencil
- Agenda/Planner

Grading Policy:

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| ▪ Tests, essays, projects, presentations ~ | 70% |
| ▪ Class work ~ | 15% |
| ▪ Homework ~ | 15% |

Homework Policy:

- Homework will not be accepted late without a note from a parent or guardian.

[Homework will be posted @ <http://www.MrWaxlersClass.com> each and every week]

Do Now Activity:

Students will have a question(s) or a brief activity every day that is to be worked on as soon as students enter the classroom.

- Students are to keep an ongoing list of "do now" questions and answers.
- "Do now" assignments will be collected randomly during each quarter for a *class work* grade.

I have read the above policies and I understand my responsibilities for Social Studies this year.

Student Name _____ Student Signature _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Signature _____