

## Syllabus: Eighth Grade Social Studies ~ American History

### 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:

- 3 Ring Binder
- Pen/Pencil
- Colored Pencils
- Planner

### Grading Policy:

- Major Grades (tests, projects, **\*\*History Fair**) ~ 70%  
*\*\*History Fair is mandatory for all advanced classes*
- Class work (do now assignments, exit notes) ~ 15%
- Homework ~ 15%

### Do Now Assignments:

- 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 Nows* will be collected randomly during each quarter for a *class work* grade.

### Planner Checks & Exit Notes:

- Students will be given time at the end of every class to write in their planner.
- Planners must include the homework for the night.
- **\*\*If** there is no homework, students **MUST** write something they learned in class that day.
- Planners will be checked randomly during each quarter for a *class work* grade.

### 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]

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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 \_\_\_\_\_