

**GRADE LEVEL OR COURSE TITLE: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-UNITED STATES HISTORY**

Course Code: 2100010

**Year at a Glance- Major Topics**

First Nine Weeks	Second Nine Weeks	Third Nine Weeks	Fourth Nine Weeks
<p><b>EXPLORATION OF THE AMERICAS (6 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Factors leading to Exploration</li> <li>• Portuguese and Spanish Rivalry</li> <li>• Geography of the United States</li> <li>• Conquest and Slavery</li> <li>• Explorers, Claims and Settlement</li> <li>• Cultural Exchange</li> </ul> <p><b>COLONIAL AMERICA (10 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth and Economic Activity of the Colonies</li> <li>• Governing the Colonies</li> <li>• Religion and Culture in the Colonies</li> <li>• European Conflicts Spread to North America</li> <li>• <b>Required DBQ Lesson: Jamestown</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ROAD TO INDEPENDENCE (7 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consequences of French and Indian War</li> <li>• British Policies</li> <li>• Colonial Reaction</li> <li>• Leaders, Significant events</li> <li>• First and Second Continental Congresses</li> <li>• Patriots and Loyalists</li> </ul>	<p><b>THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (10 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American and British Strengths and Weaknesses</li> <li>• <b>Required DBQ Lesson: Valley Forge</b></li> <li>• Events of the Revolution, Key Individuals</li> <li>• Treaty of Paris 1783</li> </ul> <p><b>CREATING A REPUBLIC (4 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Articles of Confederation 1777</li> <li>• Settlement of the Northwest Territory</li> <li>• Shays’s Rebellion 1786</li> <li>• Constitutional Convention of 1787</li> <li>• British/European Influence</li> <li>• Fundamental Principles</li> <li>• The Constitution</li> <li>• Federalists v. Antifederalists</li> <li>• Ratification of U.S. Constitution - 1789</li> </ul> <p><b>THE NEW NATION ( 5 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Bill of Rights – 1791</li> <li>• George Washington – Beliefs, Traditions, Farwell Address</li> <li>• Organizing the Government</li> <li>• Hamilton’s Plan for the Economy</li> <li>• Emergence of Political Parties</li> <li>• Adams’ Presidency</li> <li>• The Election of Thomas Jefferson</li> </ul>	<p><b>THE JEFFERSON ERA (3 blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of Thomas Jefferson 1800</li> <li>• Louisiana Purchase</li> <li>• Lewis and Clark Expedition</li> <li>• Election of James Madison 1808</li> <li>• War of 1812, Treaty of Ghent - 1814</li> </ul> <p><b>GROWTH AND EXPANSION: 1790-1825 (4 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial Revolution</li> <li>• Improvement of Transportation</li> <li>• Westward Expansion</li> <li>• Era of Good Feelings</li> <li>• Rise of Sectionalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Missouri Compromise</li> <li>○ North/South Economic characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Slavery</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Immigration</li> <li>• Adams-Onis Treaty</li> </ul> <p><b>JACKSONIAN DEMOCRACY (4 blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Election of 1824</li> <li>• New Political Parties</li> <li>• Election of 1828: Andrew</li> <li>• Spoils System, Kitchen Cabinet</li> <li>• Banking Crisis</li> <li>• Nullification crisis</li> <li>• States’ rights vs. Federal Rights</li> <li>• Indian Removal Act 1830</li> <li>• Election of 1836, Panic of 1837</li> <li>• Election of 1840</li> </ul>	<p><b>ROAD TO THE CIVIL WAR (9 blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sectionalism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Economy, Transportation, Lifestyle</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Missouri Compromise of 1820</li> <li>• Election of 1848: Zachary Taylor</li> <li>• Compromise of 1850</li> <li>• Kansas-Nebraska Act</li> <li>• Republican Party, Election of 1856</li> <li>• Dred Scott Decision 1857</li> <li>• Lincoln/Douglas Debates</li> <li>• Election of 1860, Secession</li> <li>• Confederate States of America</li> <li>• Fort Sumter</li> <li>• Important Legislation Under Abraham Lincoln</li> </ul> <p><b>THE CIVIL WAR (6 blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Union Strategies</li> <li>• Confederate Aim and Strategy</li> <li>• Military Leaders</li> <li>• Role of Minorities</li> <li>• Major Battles and Events</li> <li>• Emancipation Proclamation</li> <li>• Result &amp; Consequences of the War</li> </ul> <p><b>RECONSTRUCTION (8 blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plans, Freedmen’s Bureau</li> <li>• Election of 1864</li> <li>• Lincoln’s Assassination</li> <li>• End of Reconstruction</li> <li>• Southern Resistance Tactics</li> <li>• <b>Required DBQ Lesson: Reconstruction</b></li> </ul>

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		<p><b>MANIFEST DESTINY: 1813-1853 (8 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition of Florida</li> <li>• Settlement of Oregon Territory</li> <li>• Election of 1844: James K. Polk;</li> <li>• Annexation of Texas, Gold Rush</li> <li>• <b>Required DBQ Lesson: Mexican American War</b></li> <li>• Election of 1849</li> <li>• Gadsden Purchase of 1853</li> <li>• Gadsden Purchase 1850</li> <li>• Utah Territory, Territory of Florida: Creek Wars 1836-1840</li> </ul> <p><b>AGE OF REFORM (1 Blocks)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second Great Awakening</li> <li>• Abolitionist, Women’s Movements</li> <li>• Education Reform</li> <li>• Transcendental Literature</li> </ul> <p><b>Recommended Career Planning conducted during this period.</b></p>	