*The American Republic to 1877*

8th Grade History

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**Course description**: This course covers early America from the arrival of indigenous peoples through the completion of the Civil War. Throughout the year we will also highlight Colonial America, the American Revolution, the beginning of the nation, and the expansion of the nation.

**Course purpose:** To promote the understanding of the founding and growth of our country through the use of text, documents, and film.

**Required materials**

- Pen/Pencil

- Notebook

**Rules/expectations/repercussions**:

 1. Be prepared for class. 1. Warning 2. Parental contact 3. Discipline referral\*

 2. Stay in your seat. 1. Warning 2. Parental contact 3. Discipline referral\*

 3. Listen quietly when others speak. 1. Warning 2. Parental contact 3. Discipline referral\*

 4. Respect others. 1. Warning 2. Parental contact 3. Discipline referral\*

 5. Work until the bell. 1. Warning. 2. Parental contact 3. Discipline referral\*

 6. Follow all school rules. Follow school procedure from handbook\*

\* Seating adjustments may be made at any time I feel it is needed to control the atmosphere of the classroom.

**Homework/late work policy**:Assigned homework is expected to be completed when the student arrives to class on the date it is due. Late homework will not be accepted. Exceptions will be made for projects and other large assignments, which will be accepted with a 50% deduction until the end of the marking period.

**Quiz/test/project policy**: Quizzes, tests, and projects are important tools for evaluating students. Students will have prior knowledge of the dates of quizzes, tests, and projects. Students are expected to complete all test, quizzes, and projects to the best of their ability.

**Course learning objectives**:

Different Worlds Meet

* Exploring the Americas, 1400-1625

Colonial Settlement

* Colonial America, 1587-1770
* The Colonies Grow, 1607-1770

Creating a Nation

* Road to Independence, 1763- 1770
* The American Revolution, 1776-1783
* A More Perfect Union , 1777-1790

The New Republic

* A New Nation, 1789-1800
* The Jefferson Era, 1800-1816

The Growing Nation

* Manifest Destiny, 1818-1853
* North and South, 1820-1860
* The Age of Reform, 1820-1860

Civil War

* Road to Civil War, 1820-1861
* The Civil War, 1861-1865