

HISTORY

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8th Grade Topics

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Class Information

[School Handbook](#)

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s) and Student:

Welcome to another school year! It is my hope that you, as student, will keep an open mind, ask a lot of questions, and enjoy the opportunity to learn about the world around you.

As a teacher, I will try to teach to the best of my ability, striving to be interesting and creative in lesson planning; firm and fair in matters of discipline; caring and understanding in how I relate to my students.

The following information will be helpful to you:

1. Course Outline: The eighth grade course of study begins with an intensive review of the major ideas, issues, and events preceding the founding of the nation. Students will concentrate on the critical events of the period-- from the framing of the Constitution to the rise of Industrial America.

[State Standards for 8th grade American History](#)

1st Trimester:

Review of the Colonial period and the American Revolution;
Constitution (The Constitution Test will be given); Establishing the New Nation.

2nd Trimester:

The Development of America's Regions; Civil War and Reconstruction

3rd Trimester: Rise of Industrial America; America as a World Power

2. Grades: Weighted Grades:

90% Assessments, e.g. tests, projects

10% Homework and Classwork

3. Homework: Homework will be given at least twice a week.

Homework Hotline: # 783-7788. Press **114**

Eich Planner: All students must have a planner (your own or school planner).

4. Absences: If absent, the student may find missed assignments at the "Assignment Center" in the the classroom. The student is responsible for picking up missed assignments.

5. Late Assignments: If an assignment is late due to an excused absence, full credit will be received; otherwise, work turned in late thenext day will receive only half the grade.

6. Materials for Class: The student should bring to class daily: 1) pen (no gel pens) and pencil, 2) three hole binder paper , and 3) three hole binder.

I am excited about the year and have great expectations!

Research

Download guidelines for your research in pdf format...

1. [Research Guidelines / Requirements](#)

[Middle School Research site](#): A plan to help you do research...

[InfoPlease.com](#): Another overall plan for research

2. [Writing your thesis statement](#)

More guides to Writing your thesis statement:

- [Dartmouth.edu](#)
- [UNC.edu](#)
- How to write a thesis statement: [Indiana University](#)
- How to write a thesis statement: [OWL Purdue](#)
- How to write a thesis statement: [Cambridge Rindge and Latin School](#)

3. [Questions to begin asking to guide your research.](#)

4. Format for Citing research (MLA style)

Citation Maker: Does the format for you!

[Studyguide.org](#): How to do Parenthetical Citations for your board (Citing the sources on your board)

Conclusion: [Caution about writing paper](#)

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Debate Center

[Middleschooldebate.com](#)

Check out these sites for information:

[procon.org](#)

[International Debate](#)

<http://dmoz.org/Society/Issues/>

[Yahoo.com](#)

[YouDebate.com](#)

Samples:

- [This House Would Experiment on Animals for Human Benefit](#)
- [This House would ban beauty contests](#)
- [This House supports government intervention to support failing financial institutions](#)

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NATIVE AMERICAN PROJECT

Start with Wikipedia to get an overall background of your tribe and you will also find references to some primary sources...

[Wikipedia list of tribes](#) (good starting point)

[Digital History](#): great quotes

[Native Americans.com](#) (check out the quotes and treaties)

[Avalon Project](#): Find a Treaty

[Native American Resources](#)

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WOMEN'S HISTORY

Research women in the Women's Rights and suffrage movement in the 1800's to the early 1920... Start with [Wikipedia](#) to get an overall background of your woman and you will also find references to some primary sources.

[History of Woman's Suffrage Movement in the U.S.](#) (Wikipedia)

See list of important suffragettes at end of article...

[About.com link collections](#) on woman suffrage movement

[Women's History Links](#)

[Research Guide for Women's History](#)

[National Women's History Project](#)

[National Women's History Museum](#)

[Violation of Women's Rights](#)

[Women's History in America](#)

[Great Women.org](#)

[Assumption College and Women's history](#)

[Susan B. Anthony Center](#)

[Timeline](#)

[Women Quotes](#)

EdSitement Lessons:

- ["New Woman"](#)
- [Voting Rights](#)

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Geography

Use Google search engine and type in "tourism and the name of the state"

[National Parks](#)

[InfoPlease.com](#): Historical events

[Sports in U.S.A.](#)

[Sports in About.com](#)

[Yahooligans: physical forms in states](#)

[50 States.com](#)

[Travel Guide for U.S.](#)

[Travel-library.com](#)

[Postcardsfrom.com/](#)

[Enchanted learning.com](#): Physical maps and information

Practice studying for 50 State Quiz

[Game](#): Identify the 50 states

[Pibmug.com](#)

Maps & Atlases

[Outline maps](#) (need a map?)

[Maps.com](#)

[Siteatlas.com](#)

[Geography.about.com](#)

[Library of Congress Map](#)

- [Chico Geography](#)
- [Nationalgeographic.com Maps](#)
- [Atlapedia.com](#)
- [Cartographic Images](#)
- [National Atlas.gov](#)
- [Greenmap.com](#)
- [Expdiamaps.com](#)
- [Geographia.com](#)
- [GeoNet.co.uk](#)
- [Geographic Alliance](#)

Virtual Tours

- [Virtual Freesites](#)
- [Virtual field trips at Oops](#)

Driving Directions:

- [Mapquest.com](#)
- [Expedia.com](#)
- [Mapblast.com](#)

Web Sites for Road Rules Project

<i>Geography Unit</i>	
<i>I use these lessons at the beginning of the year as an intro to geography.</i>	
PowerPoint Geographical Features (PDF file)	Go to Google.com and find images to create a key, as a powerpoint presentation. As you discuss the answers, show the powerpoint program.
Map It Out (PDF file)	Use this handout for an internet search on how far places are from each other. You can use programs such as Mapquest.com
Home Sweet Home (PDF file)	This activity gives students the chance to research on the internet a place they might want to live in. They must find reasons why the place might be a great place to live in.
What Time Is It? (PDF file) Time around the World	Teach students how to tell time throughout the world. Then use this worksheet and web site to reinforce the skills.
Road Rules (PDF file)	This is a project for two students who will travel from the west coast to the east coast. They will use the internet to learn about places they will visit along the way. With this information they will create a visual map.
National Geography Bee	Culmination of Geography Unit. Get the whole school involved in this Geography Bee, sponsored by the National Geography Bee. Move over Spelling Bee! We have a special night for the final competition.

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Constitution

Take a practice test and download the key to check your answers:

[PDF Constitution Test](#)

[PDF Constitution Key](#)

Or [Online Constitution Test](#) : Take this Constitution test as often as you need...

[The Constitution: Primary Source](#)

[Outline of the Constitution](#)

[Tour the U.S. government](#)

[InfoPlease.com Federal Budget](#)

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ELECTIONS

The Candidates

- [John McCain: Wikipedia](#)
- [Barack Obama: Wikipedia](#)

ISSUES

[John McCain web site](#) (click on "issues")

[Barack Obama web site](#) (click on "issue")

[CNN Politics](#): great site

[ProCon.org](#): great site

[Fact Monster for kids](#)

[New York Times](#)

Who's telling the truth? Check [FactCheck.org](#)

Ads and Propaganda

[Museum of Moving Image](#)

[Washington Post](#)

Democratic National Committee: <http://www.democrats.org/index.html>

Republican National Committee: <http://www.rnc.org/>

Sites for the Elections 2008

[Elections Yahoo.com](#)

[Elections YouTube.com](#)

[CNN Election](#)

[CRF Election links](#)

[2008 USpresident.com](#)

[CSPAN and the Elections](#)

Congress Link: <http://www.congresslink.org>

The Democracy Network/League of Women Voters: dnet.org

Public Agenda: <http://www.publicagenda.org>

ABCNews: www.abcnews.go.com/sections/politics

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Moving West

[Bicentennial Celebration](#)
[PBS Interactive map](#)
[National Geographic](#)

[Lewis and Clark.net](#)
[Lewis and Clark.org](#)

Erie Canal

[Canal Tour](#) (after the movie, listen to the music!)
[How a lock works](#)

Pony Express

[National Park Service](#)

Transcontinental Railroad

[PBS Race to Utah](#)

Oregon Trail

[Virtual tour](#)
[PBS site](#)
[PBS diaries](#)

What is Cholera? [See this website](#)

Cholera is the illness caused by a bacterium called *Vibria cholerae*. It infects people's intestines, causing diarrhea, vomiting and leg cramps.

How do people get it?

The most common cause of cholera is by someone eating food or drinking water that has been contaminated with the bacteria.

After a disaster, this is a very real danger, since regular, clean water and food supplies are often unavailable. The disease can be spread even further by infected people using already dirty water sources to clean themselves or dispose of waste.

Why is it so serious?

Cholera can be mild or even without symptoms, but a severe case can lead to death without immediate treatment. The diarrhea and vomiting brought on by the infection quickly leaves the body without enough fluid. The following dehydration and shock can kill a person within hours.

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CIVIL WAR

North and South

North and Lowell Mills

[Simulation of Lowell Mills](#)

[Multimedia: Lowell Mills](#)

South and Slavery

[Slave Pictures for your Editorial](#)

[Slave Statistics: Charts and graphs](#)

[More charts and graphs](#)

[Slave Ads](#)

[Mount Vernon Virtual Tour](#)

[Follow the Drinking Gourd \(mp3\)](#)

[Follow the Drinking Gourd by the Weavers](#)

[Explanation of the song](#)

[North Star](#)

[Slave Recordings](#) (use mp3 setting)

[Wallace Quaterman: Song Weary Land](#)

[Charlie Smith Interview](#)

[Digital History and Slavery](#)

Plantations

[List of plantations](#) to create Powerpoint presentation

[Monticello.org](#)

[Green Hill Plantation](#)

[Civil War Newspaper Project](#)

ClipArt and Photographs of the Civil War

[Civilwarclipart.com](#)

[Confederateclipart.com](#)

[Images of Slavery](#)

[CivilWarPhotos.net](#)

[Treasurenet.com](#)

[Click2History.com](#)

[CivilWarPhotos.com](#)

[About.com](#)

[Weapons, Navy, Spies, Technology, & Medicine](#)

[Civil War weapons.tripod](#)

Civil War WebSites

[Civil War Center](#)

[Civil War Album.com](#)

[Civil War.com](#)

[U.S. Civil War.com](#)

[Civil War.net](#)

[Sunsite Civil War Homepage](#)

John Brown

[PBS John Brown](#)

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Economics

[NationMaster.com](#): Comparison World charts

[Currency Converter](#)

[Cost of Living in the World](#)

[Federal reserve bank CPI for 1800's / 1900's](#): Learn how to make calculations to convert prices.

[Inflation Calculator for 1800's and present](#)

[Another CPI calculator](#)

Calculating a Budget and Choosing a Job to fulfill your dreams

Use this [calculator](#) to plan a family

[Wages for Jobs](#) (Dept. of Labor)

Jobs and Wages

- [StudentsReview.com: Wages](#)
- [Poverty Thresholds](#)
- [U.S. Household Income](#)
- [U.S. Income and Education](#)
- [Measuring Poverty](#)

[U.S. Deployment of troops around the world](#)

[Cost of War \(Iraq and Afghanistan\)](#)

Federal Deficit:

[Clock 1](#)

[Clock 2](#)

[ZFacts Deficit Clock](#)

[InfoPlease.com Federal Budget](#)

[Wikipedia Federal Budget](#)

[Cost of the Iraq war](#)

Captains of Industry

[50 most generous Philanthropists of Today](#)

[RobberBaronsSlide Show](#)

ROCKEFELLER

<http://voteview.uh.edu/entrejdr.htm>

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/peopleevents/p_rock_jsr.html

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/>

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/maps/map_fs.html - philanthropy

<http://www.financialhistory.org/photo-history.htm>

Standard Oil and Ida Tarbell

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/rockefellers/filmmore/ps_overkill.html

http://www.buyandhold.com/bh/en/education/history/2000/standard_oil1.html

[Rockefeller quotes](#)

CARNEIGIE

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/sfeature/p_legacy.html - philanthropy

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/carnegie/phil_1 - philanthropy

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/carnegie/>

VANDERBILT

<http://www.stfrancis.edu/ba/ghkickul/stuwebs/bbios/biograph/vanderbi.htm>

<http://voteview.uh.edu/vanderb2.htm>

J.P. MORGAN

<http://www.learner.org/biographyofamerica/prog17/transcript/page04.html>

<http://www.learner.org/biographyofamerica/prog17/transcript/page03.html>

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INVENTIONS

[Enchanted Learning](#)

[Hall of Fame](#)

[About.com](#)

[Wikipedia](#)

[PBS Inventions](#)

[Page Wise Inventions of Old](#)

Sports

[Sports history](#)

[Yahoo Sports History](#)

History of Weapons

[Modern Weapons at About.com](#)

[Guns at About.com](#)

Toy Inventions

[About.com](#)

Automobile history

[About.com](#)

Cosmetics Inventions

[About.com](#)

Computer Inventions

[About.com](#)

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[Immigrant Scrapbook Unit / Lessons](#)

[International test scores](#)

Descriptions of Immigrant Life

European Immigration / Ellis Island

[Scholastic Ellis Island: Virtual Tour](#)

[360 degree tour of Ellis Island](#)

[Historychannel.com](#)

[Ellis Island.org](#)

Asian Immigration / Angel Island

[QTVR Angel Island](#)

[Satellite Shot](#)

[Angel Island Cam](#)

[Immigration Station](#)

[Epals.com](#) (Use this site to create email pen pals)

Global Warming

[BBC Basic Information](#)

[Animation of Greenhouse effect](#)

[Government site](#)

Poster Board / PowerPoint Presentation: Immigration

[World Atlas.com](#) (current data on countries)

[International anthems](#) (midis)

[U.S. Census Bureau](#) (historical statistics on birthplace of immigrants)

[Ancestry of America](#) (current statistics for U.S. ancestry)

[American Memory](#) (brief focus on different ethnic groups)

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U.S. PRESIDENTS

[Our Presidents: Whitehouse](#)

[President for a day \(PBS\)](#)

[Nara.gov Presidential Libraries](#)

[Grolier.com/presidents](#)

[Americanpresidents.org](#)

[Daily Schedule of President Ford](#)

[The Cabinet](#)

[Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemmings](#)

[Thomas Jefferson and DNA](#)

Lincoln and Slavery:

[History Now](#)

[CATO Institute](#)

[National Park Service](#)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

[The Kingcenter.com](#)

[Seattletimes.com / mlk](#)

[Scavenger Hunt MLK](#)

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Field Trips

[The Tech Museum](#)

[Golden State Museum](#)

[The National History Day Site](#)

Need the Rulebook? Click here...[History Day in California](#)

Another site for guidelines: [Pennsylvania History Day](#)

MLA guides (citing your sources)

[Citation Machine](#)

[Purdue.edu](#)

[USM Library](#)

[Columbia.edu](#) (online sources)

[The Writing Center](#)

More Guides and samples for:

1. Writing a Paper:

[OAH site](#)

[Lee's Writing Guide](#)

[Sample paper \(pdf file\)](#)

[Writing Footnotes](#)

[Writing Footnotes with Microsoft Word](#)

[Writing Footnotes with MS: 2nd source](#)

[Subsequent Footnotes](#)

2. Sample [Web site](#) by a semi-finalist group
More websites from last year's competition: [History Day WebSites](#)

3. Drama
[Kansas sample](#)

4. Exhibit

5. Documentary: See laser disc

[Tutorial on PowerPoint](#)
[Powerpoint and Narration I](#)
[Powerpoint and Narration II](#)
[PDF download file for narration](#)

Need Music background? [Freeplaymusic.com](#)

Sample Topics with Resources

1. [Native American](#)
2. [Journey West](#) or [Oregon Trail](#)
3. [Immigration](#)
4. [Space](#)
5. [Little Rock](#) (school integration)
6. [Lewis and Clark](#)

Starting Places...

[Digital History](#)
[Filamentality](#)
[Library of Congress](#)
[Nara Digital Classroom](#) (National Archives)
[American Memory](#) (Library of Congress)
[Crossroads Project](#)
[Historymatters.gmu.edu](#)
[Social Studies School Service.com](#)
[Historyplace.com/](#)
[Marc Datous socialstudies4u.com](#)
[pbs.org People' s Century](#)
[Eye Witness](#)
[Hyperhistory.com](#)
[History Channel.com](#)
[History of Today](#)
[ushistory.org](#)
[dboals Social Studies](#)
[Resinger.indiana.edu](#)

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