

SOCIAL STUDIES

6th Grade

Students will take a *Historical Journey* from early Mesopotamia through the Renaissance, six thousand years and counting. This course will help students develop their knowledge and understanding of *Ancient civilizations* and how these early cultures, such as the *Romans* and *Greeks*, influence our lives today. Students will gain *knowledge* and learn the methods of historians as well as practice critical thinking skills. They will also utilize *historical perspective* to better understand the *Present*.

7th Grade

Students will develop their knowledge and understanding of the *founding principles of the United States political and economic system* and how those decisions affect American lives today. The content of this course will include, but is not be limited to, the following: The structure of the federal, state, and local governments; the role and influence of *political parties* in our government; *citizenship and the responsibilities and duties of an American citizen*.

8th Grade

Students will examine the roots of the *United States*, beginning with *Native Americans*, moving forward to the British settlement in the American colonies, Slavery, followed by the *American Revolution*, and the launching of a *New Nation*, the creation of the *Constitution* and The *Civil War*, ending the course with *Reconstruction*. Students will take a look at how these formative events continue to shape *American values* and *beliefs*.