

Hitch Elementary School Departmental Social Studies
7th Grade- North America Civilization and Society: Pre-History to Civil War
Ray Kinzie, Junior High Social Studies

Instruction Supports the Following CCSS Components

1. *Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.*
2. *Determine the central idea or information of a primary or secondary source.*
3. *Identify key steps in a text's description of a process related to history/social studies.*
4. *Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in disciplinary text.*
5. *Describe how a text presents information.*
6. *Identify aspects of a text that reveal an author's point of view or purpose.*
7. *Integrate visual information with other texts.*
8. *Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment.*
9. *Analyze the relationship between a primary source and a secondary source.*
10. *Comprehend history/social studies texts in the grade 6-8 grade band.*

Grading Weights

40%- Major Tests/Individual Projects

40%- Group Projects

20%- Participation/Quizzes/Homework

Course Purpose

This social studies class explores the major disciplines and themes of the social sciences with a focus on North American civilizations from pre-history to the Revolutionary War. The course is developed around a variety of primary and secondary sources.

Course Textbook

Creating America: A History of the United States

Unit 1- Three Worlds Meet

First Quarter

Week 1- Themes and Disciplines/Discipline Orientation

Week 2- Enrichment

Week 3- Primitive Societies

Week 4- Primitive Societies Enrichment

Week 5- European Explorers

Week 6- European Explorers Enrichment

Week 7- The English Establish Colonies

Week 8- The English Establish Colonies Enrichment

Week 9- The Colonies Develop

Week 10- The Colonies Develop Enrichment

Second Quarter

Week 11- Beginnings of An American Identity

Week 12- Beginnings of An American Identity Enrichment

Unit 2- Creating a New Nation

Week 13- The Road to Revolution

Week 14- The Road to Revolution Enrichment

Week 15- The American Revolution

Week 16- The American Revolution Enrichment

Week 17- Confederation to Constitution

Week 18- Confederation to Constitution Enrichment

Unit 3- The Early Republic

Week 19- Launching a New Republic

Week 20- Launching a New Republic Enrichment

Third Quarter

Week 21- National and Regional Growth

Week 22- National and Regional Growth Enrichment

Unit 4- A Changing Nation

Week 23- The Age of Jackson

Week 24- The Age of Jackson Enrichment

Week 25- Manifest Destiny

Week 26- Manifest Destiny Enrichment

Week 27- A New Spirit of Change

Week 28- A New Spirit of Change Enrichment

Unit 5- The Federal Constitution

Week 29- Principles of the Constitution

Week 30- Preamble of the Constitution

Fourth Quarter

Week 31- Article 1: Legislative Branch

Week 32- Article 1: Legislative Branch Enrichment

Week 33- Article 2: Executive Branch

Week 34- Article 2: Executive Branch Enrichment

Week 35- Article 3: Judicial Branch

Week 36- Article 3: Judicial Branch Enrichment

Week 37- Amendments

Week 38- Amendments Enrichment

Week 39- Review

Week 40- Constitution Test