

Hitch Elementary School Departmental Social Studies
8th Grade- North America Civilization and Society
Ray Kinzie, Junior High Social Studies

Instruction Supports the Following CCSS Literacy 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/Homework/Quizzes

Course Purpose

This social studies class explores the major disciplines and themes of the social sciences with a focus on North American civilizations from the Revolutionary War to modern times. 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 of the Social Sciences

Week 2- Enrichment

Unit 1- The Early Republic

Week 3- Launching a New Republic

Week 4- Launching a New Republic Enrichment

Week 5- National and Regional Growth

Week 6- National and Regional Growth Enrichment

Unit 2- A Changing Nation

Week 7- The Age of Jackson

Week 8- The Age of Jackson Enrichment

Week 9- Manifest Destiny

Week 10- Manifest Destiny Enrichment

Second Quarter

Unit 3- A Nation Divided and Rebuilt

Week 11- A New Spirit of Change

Week 12- A New Spirit of Change Enrichment

Week 13- The Nation Breaking Apart

Week 14- The Nation Breaking Apart Enrichment

Week 15- The Civil War Begins

Week 16- The Civil War Enrichment

Week 17- The Tide of War Turns

Week 18- The Tide of War Turns Enrichment

Week 19- Reconstruction

Week 20- Reconstruction Enrichment

Third Quarter

Unit 4- America Transformed

Week 21- Growth in the West

Week 22- Growth in the West Enrichment

Week 23- An Industrial Society

Week 24- An Industrial Society Enrichment

Week 25- Changes in American Life

Week 26- Changes in American Life Enrichment

Week 27- The Progressive Era

Week 28- The Progressive Era Enrichment

Week 29- Becoming a World Power

Week 30- Becoming a World Power Enrichment

Fourth Quarter

Unit 5- Modern America Emerges

Week 31- World War I

Week 32- World War I Enrichment

Week 33- The Roaring Twenties

Week 34- The Roaring Twenties Enrichment

Week 35- The Great Depression and the New Deal

Week 36- The Great Depression and the New Deal Enrichment

Week 37- The Rise of Dictators and World War II

Week 38- The Rise of Dictators and World War II Enrichment

Week 39- The Cold War and the American Dream

Week 40- The Cold War and the American Dream Enrichment