

Upper Darby School District
Middle School Social Studies
Eighth Grade
Course Outline

Course Narrative: Eighth grade Social Studies is a course in which students take an interactive survey of the history of the United States from 1776 to 1890. Through examination of historical events, students understand American geographical regions, economical development, interaction of ethnic groups, the foundations and evolution of our form of government and environmental change. By linking the past to the present, students develop an appreciation of and understanding of American culture and becoming good citizens.

Course Basic Texts: History Alive! The United States Through Industrialism, 2005.

Key Assessments:

- Tests/Quizzes
- Projects
- Presentations
- Interactive Notebook
- Group Activities
- Open-ended responses
- Classwork/Homework worksheets
- Current Events and Research

<u>Core Units:</u>		<u>Time</u>
I. Creating a Republic	Ch. 8 -11	8 weeks
II. The American Experiment	Ch. 12 -16	8 weeks
III. Division and Reunion	Ch. 18 - 21	8 weeks
IV. America in Transition	Ch. 22 -25	8 weeks

General Standards for Historical Thinking for all Social Studies Courses:

1. Understand chronological thinking.
2. Understand history through historical narrative.
3. Analyze and interpret historical events and issues.
4. Analyze and interpret contemporary events and issues.