

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES (1850-1920) Grade 8

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM SUMMARY

The purpose of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary is to present an overview of the History of the United States (1850-1920). Parents are the intended audience of the Social Studies Curriculum Summary.

Unit 1 – Causes of the Civil War

The spread of slavery into the western territories as well as differences in economies and political ideas between the north and the south caused section conflict.

Unit 3 – Reconstruction

Reconstruction was a time of conflict and turmoil in the United States.

Unit 5 – The Gilded Age and Progressive Era

Industrialization and urbanization changed the United States and the federal government’s relationship to the citizens.

Unit 7 – World War I

World War I had global and national implications.

Unit 2 – The Civil War

The American Civil War had a significant impact on politics, economics, and society in the United States.

Unit 4 – Western Expansion

Cultural differences between Native Americans and white settlers affected political, economic, and societal systems.

Unit 6 - Imperialism

The US foreign policy of imperialism had global and national effects.

Current Events

Current events will be discussed throughout the year.