

INSTRUCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

Social Studies – First Quarter

Eighth Grade

The student will:

- Explain the institutions and practices of the current United States and Illinois governments
- Describe national policies regarding the economy following independence
- Explain how the American and French Revolutions affected relations with external powers and Native Americans
- Identify the role played by prominent individuals of the Revolutionary and Early National periods

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Social Studies – Second Quarter

Eighth Grade

The student will:

- Explain the changes in political democracy after 1800, including the Civil War and Reconstruction
- Describe how the industrial revolution, the rapid expansion of slavery, and the westward movement changed the lives of Americans and led toward regional tensions
- Explain the United States territorial expansion between 1801 and 1861, and how it affected relations with external powers and Native Americans
- Identify the role played by prominent individuals of the 19th century

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Social Studies – Third Quarter

Eighth Grade

The student will:

- Identify changes in the institutions and practices of the United States government during the early 20th century
- Describe the role played by the government in the emergence of a modern capitalist economy and the Great Depression
- Explain the changing role of the United States in world affairs from 1890 through World War II
- Identify the role played by prominent individuals in the first half of the 20th century

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Social Studies – Fourth Quarter

Eighth Grade

The student will:

- Explain the struggle for racial and gender equality and for the extension of civil liberties
- Describe major developments in economic policy in contemporary America
- Analyze major developments in foreign policy during the Cold War and after
- Identify the role played by prominent individuals in contemporary America