

## 7th Grade Social Studies

### Second Semester American History (revised 2020)

**Course Description:** This course examines American Indian pre-Columbian history beginning with the First Peoples and civilizations of North and South America. It examines the Age of Exploration and colonial America. This course also examines the Revolutionary War, creation of the Articles of Confederation, and the origins of our constitution. The Missouri state standards provide both the framework and pace of the class. The curriculum and academic expectations will be differentiated to students of all learning styles and levels.

#### **Big Ideas:**

1. Basic knowledge and understanding of the relationships between American Indians and European colonists.
2. Basic knowledge and understanding of the rights, responsibilities and duties as an American citizen.
3. Basic knowledge and understanding of past historical events and their relationships to the present shaping the world today.
4. Basic knowledge and understanding of the United States government structure.
5. Basic knowledge and understanding of key figures and events of the Constitutional Convention.

#### **ELO # Essential Learner Outcome Description Standards**

1. Students will interpret and apply the basic ideas in the documents shaping constitutional democracy in the United States to become an educated and active citizen. GS1.A.8; GS1.B.8; GS1.C.8
2. Students will analyze the cause and effect relationships between events in American History and the United States today to develop and understanding of the growth and development of our country. H3a.E.8; H3a.F.8; H3a.H.8a-c; H3a.I.8
3. Students will create and interpret maps, graphs, timelines, charts, and diagrams to draw conclusions and make predictions about relationships within the United States. EG5.E.8; EG5.F.8; TS7.B.8
4. Students will filter and use primary and secondary resources to research and present accurate information to an audience of peers to strengthen research and presentation skills. TS7.A.8; TS7.B.8; TS7.C.8; TS7.D.8
5. Students will use the Social Studies text to gain knowledge and understanding of American History. TSSI.G.8 TSSI.A.8
6. Students will use writing and oral presentations with historical research to improve classroom presentation and writing skills. TSSI.B.8 TSSI.D.8 TSSI.A.8