

Coach T.'s Overview:

I have always been asked this same question, “why do we need to study history, why is to know the past important to me?” Many individuals with that sort of attitude towards history will say that it promotes nothing more than pure memorization on the part of the student. I am not going to say that there are not teachers out there that focus too heavily on the factual aspect of history, which is an unfortunate thing since the subject offers so much more beauty. Of course, studying past people, events and facts is one facet of historical study but not the sole one. If students can better understand the past then it will ultimately help them in becoming better citizens. Being able to appreciate different people and societies will allow the students to see the world with a more of an open mind and heart consequently preventing them from possible narrow minded thinking that unfortunately plagues way too many people today. History can also provide the person with a true identity and moral understanding. Who am I and where did I and my family come from? These are all questions that history can easily answer. Studying historical documents and writings can also facilitate the student in developing certain skills such as assessing diverse sources of information, reading, writing, and interpreting various forms of historical data. The list of history’s importance can be a long one but in the end we, I, would like the subject to provide students with the opportunity to enjoy storytelling at its best, enhance their critical thinking and allow them to develop into the best human beings they can possibly become since they can understand why the world is the way it is today... because of its past history!

As the course guide states, this PRE-AP American History course is designed for students with a high academic interest and strong work ethic. This course obviously is also geared to prepare students for future AP classes and tests. With this in mind, while acquiring the background knowledge of the history of the U.S. from colonization through Reconstruction, students in the PRE-AP course will be expected to be able to organize this knowledge in various note formats, be able to analyze many historical documents and become proficient in the writing processes of SAQ’s, DBQ’S and LEQ’s.

Pre-AP: (taken from: <https://pre-ap.collegeboard.org>)

The Pre-AP program is designed to give all students the opportunity to learn the foundational knowledge and skills they need to be successful in AP and other college-level coursework. The Pre-AP program will offer consistent, high standards in focused courses that help build, strengthen, and reinforce students’ content knowledge and skills. Pre-AP courses will get students ready for AP and other college-level coursework. And they’ll be open to all.

Comal ISD Overview:

Pre-AP U.S. History - 4182


Full Year Grade 8

Prerequisite: See entry guidelines on page 6:

http://www.comalisd.org/files/_ZVJ5a_/030db99401104a3a3745a49013852ec4/Middle_School_Course_Guide_17-18.pdf

Pre-AP American History is a writing intensive course that is designed for students with a high academic interest and strong work ethic. This course addresses the College and Career Readiness standards by implementing strategies which develop the skills, habits of mind, and concepts needed for higher level thinking and to prepare students for Advanced Placement courses in high school. Students study the history of the United States from colonization through Reconstruction. Students analyze political, economic, religious and social events and issues related to the colonial and revolutionary eras, the creation and ratification of the U.S. Constitution, the challenges of the early Republic, the Age of Jackson, westward expansion, sectionalism, Civil War and Reconstruction. Students examine the physical characteristics of the U.S. and their impact on how and where Americans lived, the American beliefs and principles reflected in historical documents such as the U.S. Constitution, the effects of major Supreme Court cases and major reform movements of the 19th century and examine the rights and responsibilities of citizens of the United States as well as the importance of effective leadership in a constitutional republic. Students evaluate the impact of science and technology on the development of the U.S. A wide variety of primary and secondary source materials is used to teach the strands of knowledge and skills listed in the TEKS through independent reading, analytical writing and in-depth discussions. Students may choose to independently complete a history fair project and to participate in the history fair competition.

Outline:

 Year at a Glance 2017-2018		Pre AP Eighth Grade Social Studies				Creation Date: June 26, 2013 Revision Date: May 11, 2017	
Spiraled TEKS in each unit 8.29A: differentiate between, locate and use valid primary and secondary sources such as computer software, databases, media and news services, biographies, interviews, and artifacts to acquire information about the United States. 8.29B: analyze information by sequencing, categorizing, identifying cause and effect relationships, comparing, contrasting, finding the main idea, summarizing, making generalizations and predictions, and drawing inferences and conclusions. 8.29C: organize and interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals, including graphs, charts, timelines, and maps. 8.29D: identify points of view from the historical context surrounding an event and the frame of reference which influenced the participants. 8.29E: identify bias in written, oral and visual material. 8.30A: use social studies terminology correctly. 8.30B: use standard grammar, spelling, sentence structure, punctuation, and proper citation of sources. 8.31A: use a problem-solving process to identify a problem, gather information, list and consider options, consider disadvantages, choose and implement a solution, and evaluate the effectiveness of a solution. 8.31B: use a decision-making process to identify a situation that requires a decision, gather information, identify options, predict consequences and take action to implement a decision.							
Unit Name	Unit 8-1 Exploration and Colonization 8/29-9/13	Unit 8-2 Growth of the Colonies Freedom Week 9/14-10/6	Unit 8-3 Road to Revolution 10/10-10/17	Unit 8-4 Revolution 10/18-10/27	Unit 8-5 Forming a Government 10/30-11/17	Unit 8-6 Rights of the People 11/27-12/20	
TEKS	8.1A, 8.1C, 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.3B, 8.10A, 8.10B, 8.11C, 8.15A, 8.20A, 8.23A, 8.23C, 8.23D, 8.23E, 8.25A, 8.25B, 8.29G, 8.29H, 8.29I, 8.29J Health – 1A	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1C, 8.2A, 8.2B, 8.3B, 8.10A, 8.10B, 8.11A, 8.15A, 8.20A, 8.23C, 8.23D, 8.23E, 8.25A, 8.25B New: 8.3A, 8.3B, 8.3C, 8.10C, 8.11A, 8.1B, 8.12A, 8.12B, 8.12D, 8.26B, 8.26A Health – 3B	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1C, 8.10A New: 8.4A, 8.4B, 8.20B, 8.20C, 8.23E, 8.29E	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.10A New: 8.4C, 8.6E, 8.19A, 8.22A, 8.22B, 8.19B Health 5B	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1B, 8.1C, 8.10A, 8.20A, 8.20B New: 8.4D, 8.4E, 8.6A, 8.15A, 8.15B, 8.17A, 8.19D, 8.21C, 8.23B	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1B New: 8.15C, 8.15D, 8.16A, 8.19B, 8.19C, 8.19E, 8.19F, 8.21B, 8.25C, 8.26C Health – 11 D	
Big Ideas	1. Physical geography shaped settlement patterns and culture of Native American societies. 2. Technological innovations, desire for wealth, and spread of Christianity contributed to European exploration. 3. Regional characteristics influenced social and political development of colonies.	1. Geography determined the economic activities of each colonial region. 2. Representative government was a foundation of colonial growth. 3. Religion had an influence on society and representative government.	1. The Declaration of Independence was issued in response to mistreatment by Britain. 2. The French and Indian War was a direct cause of the Revolutionary War.	1. The U.S.'s victory in the American Revolution was highly unlikely. 2. People of diverse backgrounds contributed to the U.S. victory in the Revolutionary War.	1. The Framers of the U.S. Constitution included ideas from other individuals and documents. 2. Compromise was an essential aspect of the Constitutional Convention. 3. The year 1787 was pivotal in U.S. history.	1. People of the U.S. have codified rights. 2. The Constitution is a "living" document. 3. The national government shares power with the states (10th Amendment).	
Unit Name	Unit 8-7 Early Years of the Republic 1/4-2/2	Unit 8-8 Age of Jackson, Industrial Revolution 2/5-3/2	Unit 8-9 Westward Expansion and Reform Era 3/5-3/29	Unit 8-10 Causes and the fighting of the Civil War 4/2-4/13	Unit 8-11 Civil War and Reconstruction 4/16-5/4	Unit 8-12 STAAR and Social Studies Research 5/7-5/31	
TEKS	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1C, 8.10C, 8.22A, 8.22B, 8.23C New: 8.5A, 8.5C, 8.5D, 8.5E, 8.5B, 8.6E, 8.13A, 8.14A, 8.14B, 8.18A, 8.18B, 8.21A.	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.5C, 8.5B, 8.10A, 8.12B, 8.12D, 8.14A, 8.14B, 8.15D, 8.18A, 8.19E, 8.21C, 8.28A, 8.21A New: 8.5F, 8.5G, 8.7A, 8.7D, 8.11B, 8.12C, 8.13B, 8.17B, 8.27B, 8.27C, 8.27D, 8.28B, 8.27A Health 6B	Spiraled: 8.6A, 8.6E, 8.10A New: 8.6B, 8.6C, 8.6D, 8.10B, 8.10C, 8.20C, 8.23D, 8.23E, 8.24A, 8.24B, 8.25B, 8.26A, 8.26B Health 5H	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1C, 8.7A, 8.12A, 8.12D, 8.18B, 8.23B New: 8.7B, 8.7C, 8.7D, 8.8A, 8.8B, 8.8C, 8.17B, 8.18C, 8.21A, 8.18B Health 5B	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1C New: 8.5A, 8.9B, 8.9C, 8.9D, 8.18B	Spiraled: 8.1A, 8.1C, 8.9A, 8.16B, 8.9B, 8.9C, 8.9D New: 8.19E, 8.19F, 8.30C, 8.30D	
Big Ideas	1. There were many domestic issues faced by the leaders of the new republic. 2. Influential individuals' beliefs and actions greatly influenced how the new government worked in terms of policy and practice.	1. Innovation spurred industrialization, which led to both opportunity and oppression as well as increased sectionalism. 2. The election of Jackson had both a positive and negative impact on the country.	1. Manifest Destiny expanded opportunities for the United States and some groups of people but negatively impacted other people. 2. Reformers had various reasons and varying amounts of success as they sought to improve the U.S.	1. The North and South came into increasing conflict for many geographic, political, economic and social reasons. 2. The Civil War had significant effects on the United States.	1. Reconstruction had effects that were both superficial and enduring. 2. STAAR Review and Test	1. Reconstruction had effects that were both superficial and enduring. 2. Being a U.S. citizen requires both rights and responsibilities.	

Coach T.'s Classroom Rules and Consequences

RULES
RESPECT!
Perseverance.
Responsibility.

Consequences
SBMS DISCIPLINE FLOW CHART
Warning: "Immediacy".
Student/Parent Contact.
Classroom/ Lunch Detention.
Office Referral (Administrator Punishment).



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