



Yearly Overview
Grade 8 United States History

2018-2019

Semester 1

Term 1

- **Colonization**
 - Geography
 - Reasons for Exploration and Colonization
 - Founding of the Colonies
 - Characteristics of the Colonies
 - Growth of a Representative Government
 - **Road to Revolution**
 - Causes of the American Revolution
 - Colonial Grievances
 - Declaring Independence
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Term 2

- **The American Revolution**
 - First Shots Fired
 - Turning Points of the War
 - Effects of the American Revolution
- **Confederation to Constitution**
 - The Articles of Confederation
 - Problems Facing the New Nation
 - Constitutional Convention

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Semester 2

Term 3

- **Designing the Government**
 - Influential Historical Documents
 - Structure of the Constitution
 - Principles of Government
 - Ratification Debate
 - Bill of Rights and the Amendment Process

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- **New Republic**
 - Washington's Presidency and Establishing Precedents
 - Formation of Political Parties
 - National Security and Individual Rights
 - Domestic Problems
 - Landmark Court Cases
 - Age of Jefferson
 - Foreign Policy Events
 - **Age of Jackson**
 - Jacksonian Democracy
 - Domestic Conflict and Compromise
 - Native American Policies
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Term 4

- **Industrial Revolution**
 - Inventions and Innovations
 - Free Enterprise System
 - Political, Economic, and Social Effects
- **Manifest Destiny**
 - Roots of Westward Expansion
 - Acquisition of New Territory
 - Factors Contributing to Settlement
 - Conflict due to Settlement
- **Culture and Reform**
 - Social Change Movements
 - Transcendentalism
- **Civil War and Reconstruction**
 - Sectionalism, States Rights, Political Differences
 - Major Battles and Turning Points
 - Lincoln and Reconstruction
 - Legislative Acts
 - Reconstruction Amendments

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