

8th Grade - U.S. History Syllabus

Textbook: The American Republic for Christian Schools

Published by Bob Jones

Material Covered: Native Americans through WWII

Tests are on Thursdays (with a few exceptions)

Most units are completed in two weeks.

Testing material comes from the lecture notes. Knowledge of this material is reinforced by homework questions and worksheets.

Each test has several bonus questions (worth up to five points) and are taken from added information during lecture.

Assignments for each two week unit are on the board. Assignments will also be on our class website.

<http://www.gracecougars.org/teachers/talden> Most homework assignments are given several days before they are due. We will try to keep **Tuesdays and Thursdays** (Hist-2 will substitute Tuesday for **Wednesday**) as homework due dates.

Homework is 40% of the grade and consists of the following:

- Review Questions from the chapter
- Worksheets
- Flag Grade (one week during the year)

Test Grades are 60% and consist of the following:

- Tests over the lecture notes
- Geography Test once a quarter
- Projects (See Projects below for specifics)

Projects

- Writing a school constitution
- Oregon Trail: writing journals, buying supplies, and drawing a wagon with its supplies
- Secessionist Fever Banners
- Slavery Debate

Non-Grading Events

- "Gettysburg" Movie

Notebooks

Graded material will not be handed back to the students. It will be kept by the teacher for one quarter if a parent would like to go over their student's work. Please contact the teacher if you would like to do this. A folder with two pockets and a bracket in the middle will be acceptable. If you would like something more sturdy to keep in your locker use a 1/2" - 3 ring binder.

Paper Headings

First Name and Last Name (**no initials**) in the top right corner of the paper.

5 points will be taken off every paper that doesn't have a first and last name

(Title of paper goes on the top line in the middle. Example: Chapter 1 Review Questions) -1 point

Forms of Communication

- RenWeb.com, <http://www.gracecougars.org/teachers/talden> or by e-mail
- school hours: TAlden@GraceTyler.org
evenings: TomAldenFamily@sbcglobal.net
- Progress Reports: sent home if average is under 80% or the student is working well below their means.
- My Home Phone: 561-4811

Make Up Work

Refer to parent/student handbook

**Keep the above pages in the front of your notebook all year.
After Reading - Detach below and return signatures to Coach Alden**



**U.S. History – Coach Alden
Free 100 on Homework if returned by the due date**

Student Name

Student Signature

Father's Name

Father's Signature

Mother's Name

Mother's Signature