



## SOCIAL STUDIES – Grade 8

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Students in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are studying the United States Studies from 1877-Post-Reconstruction through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century with Emphasis on Civics and Government. "Eighth grade students will study United States development as a major world power, highlighting Ohio's role. The study of the Constitution will reinforce the changes organizations strive to achieve during the past two centuries. Current events should be a constant focus."

Students are expected to have some knowledge of the current events happening in our world, our nation, our state and our local area. Students are responsible for keeping a "Current Events" notebook and related updates on a weekly basis. This is a wonderful year to work with Current events due to the national election in November.

Students are to **read the assigned work** from the textbook. **Class discussions** are based on those readings and from previous teachings about the first part of our United States history. Students will keep a notebook which includes the questions at the end of each section. Students can correct their own work and I will verify that they have completed the work before correcting it with the class.

**Tests** will have a variety of questions including multiple choices, fill in the blank, map skills and essay questions. Students are expected to be prepared for tests since they will have plenty of notice.

**The students work will be weighted in this manner.**

**Tests - 50%**

**Current Events - 20 %**

**Homework - 15%**

**Participation - 15%**

If there is a change, a notice will be sent home.

Students are permitted to correct tests to earn back one half of the points they missed. In order to earn the points back, the students must: 1) Find the answer in the book and write the correct answer on a sheet of paper and include the page number. 2) Have a parent sign the test. All of this must be accomplished within five (5) days after the test is returned.

Extra credit can be earned by going to the Prentice Hall website and completing activities related to the chapter. One (1) point will be added to a test for the extra credit. Extra credit opportunities are available as we work through the book.