



8th History: America 1860 - Present European & Middle Eastern Geography Syllabus

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Mission Statement: Our mission is to train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a content-rich classical education in the liberal arts and sciences, with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue.

Scope and Sequence for 8th Grade History

European & Middle Eastern Geography:

Physical Features
Population & Natural Resources
Languages, major religions
Middle Eastern States
Russia
Scandinavia
Western Europe
United States and Capitals Review

Memorization:

“Gettysburg Address”
Selected portions of “Berlin Wall” Speech
Preamble of the US Constitution
US Constitutional Amendments
Handout with “Important Dates to know”
Maps (countries, capitals, landmarks, etc.)

US History:

The Civil War
20th Century Progressivism
Toward the Great War
World War I: “The Great War”
The Roaring Twenties
The Great Depression
Rise of Totalitarianism
World War II
The Start of the Cold War
1960s
1970s
1980s

Instructional Resources

- A. Textbook: *Young Reader’s Edition to Land of Hope, Volume Two*, Wilfred McClay
- B. Selections may be pulled from the following:
 - a. *Eyewitness to America*, David Colbert
 - b. *Medal of Honor*, Nick Del Calzo & Peter Collier
 - c. *All Quiet on the Western Front*, Erick Maria Remarque
 - d. *World War I Heroes*, Allan Zullo
 - e. *World War II Heroes*, Allan Zullo
 - f. *The Diary of a Young Girl*, Ann Frank



- g. *My Early Life*, Winston Churchill
- h. *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*, Alexander Solzhenistyn
- i. *Vietnam War Heroes*, Allan Zullo
- j. *Animal Farm*, George Orwell
- k. *Number the Stars*, Lois Lowery

Grading Policy

Homework	30%	assigned three to four times per week
Participation	25%	class participation and bellwork
Quizzes	25%	around 7 per quarter
Tests	20%	at least one test per quarter

Classroom Expectations

Student Responsibility

We take very seriously the charge placed upon us to train the minds and improve the hearts of young people through a classical education in the liberal arts and sciences with instruction in the principles of moral character and civic virtue, thus we expect our students will take their role just as seriously. Any course depends, to a great extent, on the commitment and energy of the students and the teacher. In any class, which is a community of inquiry, a commitment to excellence is essential to each student's intellectual growth in preparation for becoming a man or woman of virtue and excellence. Therefore, students must follow classroom procedures to show respect for themselves and others. Additionally, students must ask for assistance as soon as a difficulty arises.

Procedures and Protocol

Absences

Homework: If you are absent from class, check with your teacher for any missed work/notes/assignments. All work must be made up *within one school day for each day absent*.

Quiz or Test: You are required to be in class when quizzes and tests are administered. If you miss a quiz or test, you must make it up at the teacher's discretion. It is your responsibility to speak with your teacher and make the necessary arrangements.

Academic questions

Quietly raise your hand or signal to respond to a question or to ask for assistance.

Arrival Procedure

- Line up on the wall outside Miss Bonham's room. Enter the classroom quietly greeting Miss Bonham at the door.
- Immediately read the board and begin the prompts quietly.
- Be prepared for class. Be in your seat and have your supplies and materials ready.
 - History Notebook
 - History Binder with tabs
 - Textbook



- Pencil and Red Pen
- Highlighter
- Colored Pencils, only on Geography days
- Respond appropriately when your teacher calls your name for attendance.

During class

- **If an announcement is being made**, be silent and pay attention.
- **If an adult enters the classroom**, please remain seated and continue working (unless told otherwise).
- **If there is a safety drill**, follow the procedures that are specific to each drill. Always remain silent and listen carefully to adult instruction.
- **If you complete an assignment early**, complete appropriate seatwork (e.g. pleasure reading).
- **If you need to dispose of trash**, wait until the class has ended. You may not dispose of trash at any other time unless directed to do so.
- **If you need to sharpen your pencil**, do so before class begins.
- **Your materials must fit in the basket or under your desk**. If they do not fit you are to return extra materials to your locker.
- **Participation**: students begin each week with an 80% (B) for participation. Students may increase their grade by asking/answering questions, copying notes and being a model scholar. You must ask/answer questions to get an A. Students who distract from the discussion, ask irrelevant questions, talk to other students etc will lose points each day. If a student is unprepared or refuses to engage in class they will lose points as well

Class dismissal

The teacher dismisses the class, not the bell. Remain in your seat until the teacher dismisses you. Make sure you have written down your homework assignment in your planner. Check to be sure your desk is in the proper position, chair and your area is clean. Leave the classroom quietly and in an orderly manner.

Classroom materials

Get teacher permission to sign out any materials that do not belong to you before you use them or remove them from the classroom.

Group work

Move your desks and/or chairs quickly and quietly as directed by the teacher. During group work, the teacher may give you a signal to stop talking. Put down your materials, turn your attention to the teacher, and listen. Follow all directions carefully. Stay focused on the objective of the lesson—all conversation should be focused on the topic. Use your inside voice when doing group work. Work cooperatively with your group.

Hall Procedures

Always be considerate of other students and walk silently in the halls. Do not disturb others in line or make noise in the hall that will disturb other classes.



Homework

Homework is designed to train the student to work independently and to accept responsibility for completing a task in addition to enhancing the student's preparation for or understanding of classroom activities. Homework will be posted on the board in the classroom, and students must write the homework in their planners. Students are expected to come to class with homework completed. Homework is defined as reading assignments, written assignments, projects, and preparation for class. Late homework will not receive full credit. 10% will be taken off and it will not be accepted after 1 week. All typed work must be printed prior to the class period—no assignments may be printed during the school day. *Your homework is still considered late even if someone else delivers your homework by any means at any point during the school day. If you are having any difficulties, please contact me before the due date.*

How to head your papers (handwritten and typed)

First and Last Name	Winston Churchill
Class and Period	US Hist - Per. 3
Day Month Year	Aug. 6, 2024 or 08/06/2024

There will be a deduction of points for improper heading (1 pt per missing item), take pride in your work and put your name on your paper!

Nurse

Visits to the nurse are for **emergencies** only. If you have a medical emergency and need to go, **please notify the teacher immediately**, then proceed quietly to the office.

Restroom

You are expected to use the restroom between classes. In case of **emergency**, silently raise your hand and wait until the teacher gives you a hall pass. Abuse of this privilege can result in its withdrawal. **Only ONE student at a time is allowed out of the classroom.** Be sure the restroom is kept neat and tidy—if you notice any problems, report them to the teacher immediately.

Supplies

Students **must** be prepared for class every day. Be sure that all requisite supplies are with you when you are in your desk—stock up on supplies before class when you are running low.

Tardy to class

In the unlikely event you are tardy to class, you must have a pass from the office or from the previous teacher. Enter the classroom quietly, give the pass to the teacher, and go to your seat.

**Tardy to school**

Report to the Front Office for a pass before entering the classroom. Enter the classroom quietly, hand the pass to the teacher, and go to your seat.

Uniforms

Be sure to arrive in class with proper uniform as set forth in the school handbook. Each infraction will be noted and repeated offenses will be brought to the attention of the administration.

Water

You may bring a water (unflavored) bottle to class daily. No other drinks are permitted in class. It is to be kept on the ground next to your desk.

Consequence for not following procedures and/or protocols

In the unlikely event a student chooses NOT to follow a prescribed procedure after repeated warnings and conversations, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be contacted and school procedures as set forth in the Family Handbook and deemed appropriate by the administration will be followed.



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Procedures and Protocol Paper Acknowledgement Form

2024-2025

Parent / Student Acknowledgement Form

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM BY

Wednesday, AUGUST 7th, 2024.

_____ I have reviewed the *Procedures and Protocol* with my child.

_____ I have ensured that my student has placed a copy of the signature page in his/her binder to return to the teacher by Wednesday, August 7th, 2024.

Student Name: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

_____ Please check here that you received my email. If you did not receive my email today (August 6th), please write down the best email to reach you at. Also, please log into your child's FOCUS account to change it, or call the front office to let them know.

Primary: _____

Secondary: _____