

Social Studies (Mrs. Smith)

Curriculum Overview

The seventh grade students study Tennessee History the first semester. Some of our topics are state symbols, Native American groups, early settlers, steps to statehood, our role in the Civil War, and state and local government. The focus for the second semester is World Geography. Students will cover important geographic skills, such as how to use a map scale, and important vocabulary, such as climate vs. weather. They will also learn about countries around the world, both their culture and location.

The eighth grade is focused on United States history throughout the school year. We will examine the development of our government, Civil War and Reconstruction, Industrialization, Imperialism, Progressive Movement, World War I, and the Jazz Age and Great Depression. We will continue through World War II and the Cold War, including Korea and Vietnam.

Throughout the year both grades will also learn about current events shaping our world today and make comparisons to what we our learning about our history.

Grading Policy

Grades are based upon homework (20%), quizzes (20%), and tests (60%). Homework grade is based upon completing the assignments according to classroom guidelines. Assignments for the week are recorded on Monday. Students have homework assignments Monday through Thursday. Parents will be asked to sign and return failed quizzes and tests.