GRADE 8
US HISTORY – Grade 8
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This class will be a study of the following:
Guilded Age – Turn of the Century
Populist Political Movement
Progressivism- Writers and Reformers
Innovators/Inventors
World War I
The Jazz Age
The Depression
World War II
The Holocaust
1950's to the present (including Cold War, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, War in Iraq, Women's Movement and more)

US CONSTITUTION and ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION
The class will also be required to study the Constitution and pass a comprehensive test to fulfill state and federal requirements.

THE EIGHTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM INCORPORATES THE FOLLOWING METHODOLOGY INTO LESSONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO**: VIDEOS, LITERATURE, INTERNET, ART, ROLE-PLAYING, ORAL PRESENTATIONS, JOURNALING, ESSAYS, and DEBATES/DISCUSSIONS.**

Text: *A History of the US* - Joy Hakim
Books 8 – 10
Our Federal and State Constitutions

Additional Resources:
Upfront-New York Times Magazine

Other requirements:
All students will be expected to keep a notebook with neat, legible notes as a tool for study. A folder or binder should also be kept for handouts. Assignments books are also required.

Grading
Tests and quizzes 35% - Projects/Presentations 30%

Homework 10% - Writing Assignments 10% - Upfront/Newsweek Magazine 10% - Participation 5%