

Sacred Heart Middle School

Social Studies: 8th grade

Teacher: Chris Schmerbach

Course Description: The students will work together towards a greater understanding of our world, its history, and diverse cultures. Geography, Civics, Government, Economics, and Citizenship skills will be woven through the five units presented.

Text: America History of Our Nation

Unit 1: Forming A New Nation

The American Revolution, Creating the Constitution, The American Government.

Unit 2: The Nation Expands and Changes

Westward Expansion and the Civil War

Unit 3: Age of Industry

Urban Growth, The Progressive Era, The Great War

Unit 4: The Great Depression and The New Deal

The Jazz age, The Great depression and FDR, World War II

Unit 5: Turning Points

The Cold War, America in the 1950's, The Civil Rights Era, Vietnam

Student Requirements: Students will be required to bring with them their social studies text book, binder and pen or pencil to class each day. If a student is absent they are still responsible for the material covered in class that day. It is the responsibility of the student to get all missing assignments and material. Students will be expected to turn in all homework and assignments on the due date.

Grade Percentages:

Daily work 30%

Homework 10%

Quizzes 10%

Tests 30%

Projects 20%