

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade US History CURRICULUM

TEKS

## UNIT 3

DAYS TO TEACH  
5 Weeks

### Confederation to Constitution

Textbook Chapter(s) 7  
and Citizenship  
Handbook

#### ESSENTIAL CONTENT AND SUBTOPICS

- I. Articles of Confederation
  - A. Weaknesses/Strengths
  - B. Northwest Ordinance
  - C. Shays Rebellion
- II. Constitutional Convention
  - A. Virginia Plan
  - B. New Jersey Plan
  - C. Great Compromise
  - D. 3/5 Compromise
- III. Constitution and Bill of Rights
  - A. Powers of National and Governments
  - B. Limited Government
  - C. Popular Sovereignty
  - D. Republicanism
  - E. Federalism
  - F. Checks/Balances
  - G. Separation of Powers
  - H. Individual Rights
  - I. Amendment Process
  - J. Bill of Rights
- IV. Marbury v Madison

- (8.1C) I can explain the importance of 1787.
- (8.4C) I can explain why we wrote the Articles of Confederation.
- (8.4D, 8.22C) I can explain the arguments and compromises during the Philadelphia Convention of 1787.
- (8.16A) I can explain the influence of the Magna Carta, English Bill of Rights, Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Federalist Papers, and Anti-Federalist texts on the writing of the Constitution.
- (8.16B) I can describe the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
- (8.16C) I can explain how the complaints of the Declaration of Independence are addressed in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.
- (8.16D) I can define and explain why the following principles are included in the Constitution: separation of powers, checks and balances, limited government, popular sovereignty, republicanism, individual rights, and federalism.
- (8.17A) I can explain why changes can be made to the Constitution.
- (8.17C) I can explain how judicial review started and give examples.
- (8.18A) I can explain the arguments of the Federalist and Anti-Federalists, including, Alexander Hamilton, Patrick Henry, James Madison, and George Mason.
- (8.19A) I can explain the importance of Marbury v Madison, Gibbons v Ogden, McCulloch v Maryland.
- (8.20B) I can explain the rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights.
- (8.20DEF) I can describe how to become a citizen and expectations of American citizens.
- (8.22B) I can explain why freedom of speech and press is important in a democratic society.
- (8.23A) I can describe leadership qualities of John Marshall during his term as a Supreme Court Justice.
- (8.26C) I can explain the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment and how it protects religious freedom in America.

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. What were the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
2. What were the roles of Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison in forming the Federalist Papers?
3. What are the responsibilities of a good citizen?
4. What are the origins of judicial review?
5. What qualities of leadership did George Washington and John Marshall possess in leading to the formation of the U.S.?
6. How is the Constitution amended?
7. List important compromises that derived from the Constitutional Convention.
8. How does the Constitution affect policy making today?
9. What is federalism, checks and balances, separation of powers and how are they important to our government policy?

#### ESSENTIAL TERMS

Northwest Ordinance	Grievance
Constitution	Redress
Federalism	Compromise
Popular Sovereignty	Judicial review
Democracy	Naturalized
Federalists	Federal
Anti-Federalists	1787
Amendments	Articles of Confederation
Amendment	Due Process
Petition	Trial by jury
Freedom of speech and press	
Unconstitutional	

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## UNIT 4

DAYS TO TEACH  
5 Weeks

### New Republic

Textbook  
Chapter(s) 8-11

#### ESSENTIAL CONTENT AND SUBTOPICS

- I. Problems in the New Republic
  - C. Washington's Presidency
  - D. Political Parties
- II. Early Foreign Policy
  - a. Washington's Farewell Address
  - b. War of 1812
  - c. Monroe Doctrine
- III. Expanding the Nation
  - a. Northwest Ordinance
  - b. Louisiana Purchase
  - c. Lewis and Clark Expedition
- IV. Era of Good Feelings  
War of 1812
- V. Age of Jackson
  - a. Democratic Party
  - b. Common Man
  - c. Spoils System
  - d. Indian Removal Act
  - e. Nullification Crisis
  - f. National Bank

(8.1A) I can describe why the period after the War of 1812 was known as the Era of Good Feelings.

(8.1C) I can explain the importance of 1803.

(8.5A) I can explain problems faced by the new nation, such as, maintaining national security, creating a stable economic system, establishing court system, and defining the authority of the central government.

(8.5B) I can tell the reasons for import taxes, taxation, and the banking system.

(8.5C) I can explain how political parties developed.

(8.5D) I can explain the reasons and events of the War of 1812.

(8.5E) I can explain early foreign policy from President Washington through Monroe and the importance of the Washington's Farewell Address and the Monroe Doctrine.

(8.5F) I can explain how the election of Jackson caused more citizens to participate in government and started the Democratic Party.

(8.5G) I can tell how Jackson led the government to force the Cherokees to move west into Indian Territory.

(8.6A) I can explain how the Northwest Ordinance allowed new states to enter the Union.

(8.6E) I can identify the Louisiana Purchase on a map.

(8.7A) I can explain why there was a positive and negative impact of the import tax on different parts of the country.

(8.14A) I can explain why the War of 1812 caused the United States to become stronger.

(8.15AB) I can describe Hamilton's financial plan.

(8.18B) I can explain why there was conflict between the States and National Government over taxes on imported goods.

(8.22A) I can identify points of view of the first political parties.

(8.23A) I can explain the importance of George Washington as a leader.

#### ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. Discuss Washington's foreign policy and how it affected our early nation.
2. What was Alexander Hamilton's banking proposal?
3. What was the impact of Jackson's presidency and the Democratic Party on United States politics?
4. Why was the South so against a tariff and the North for it?
5. Explain the causes and issues surrounding the War of 1812.

#### ESSENTIAL TERMS

political party	expansion
territory	impressment
civic virtue	ordinance
protective tariff	nationalism
loose and strict interpretation	era
embargo	foreign policy
War Hawk	Jacksonian Democracy
spoils system	common man
suffrage	Trail of Tears
relocate	Indian Territory
veto	nullification crisis
states rights	secession
sectionalism	Francis Scott Key
Star Spangled Banner	