



Southern Lehigh School District

Middle School Syllabus

Social Studies Spanish Immersion 8th Grade

2013-2014 School Year

Course Description:

The main focus of this year social studies is American History from 1492 to the 1850's. Even though this class is given 100% in Spanish, some English resources will be researched. We will meet on a daily basis and only the social studies knowledge and understanding will be assessed in this class. The students will be introduced to the historic events that shaped our nation from a "discovery" review in 1492 to Roanoke, to the first successful British settlement in 1607 and 1620. Then, an overview of Colonial America until Georgia was founded in 1733 will be presented. From there, the students will experience how the colonies interacted with Great Britain and each other and how they got involved in a war for independence. After the treaty of Paris, 1783, the students will explore the experimentation of a new form of government starting with the confederate Papers, following with the Constitution and ending with the election of a president. After this, students will learn and understand about several different presidents' philosophies and the birth of political parties. This historical journey will end with the conflicts leading to the American Civil War.

Course Content:

- Europeans in the Americas
- Colonization, the 13 colonies
- Conflict and war for independence
- The Treaty of Paris of 1783
- The Confederate Articles(Articles of Confederation) – 1777 to 1789
- Constitutional Convention
- The American Constitution
- The new government- presidents
- Western expansion and new conflicts.

Required Textbooks and/or Other Reading/Research Materials

- A History of US
By:Joy Hakim
Published by: Oxford University Press, 2005
- The Americans
by:Gerald A. Danzer
Jorge Klor de Alba
Larry S Krieger...

Published by: McDougla Littell, 2000

Course Requirements:

- Students in this class need to be biligual in Spanish and English
 - The students are required to come prepared to class. (Writing utensils, books, completed homework).
 - Every month, the students are required to present a written current event following the class rubric
- Active participation

Grade Components/Assessments:

Grades will be based on

Each marking period is worth 20% of a student's overall grade. The midterm and final exam are each worth 10% of a student's overall average:

Quarter 1	20%
Quarter 2	20%
Midterm	10%
Quarter 3	20%
Quarter 4	20%
Final	10%

Required Summer Reading/Assignments:

There is no Summer reading assignment for this course