

Course Overview	This course is designed to build both students' historical thinking skills and their comprehension of primary and secondary sources. Students use their advanced skills to analyze documents, categorize information, break history into eras and articulate defining characteristics. A major focus of the course is the development of reading and comprehension strategies including detailed annotation, summarization, and evaluation of primary sources. Students will leave this course with an understanding of how America's government functions as well as a basic picture of the chronology of American History through 1877. The course begins with European exploration of the Americas and continues through the Civil War and Reconstruction. This course culminates in a STAAR exam.
Course Standards	8th Grade Social Studies Assessed Curriculum
Instructional Materials	Textbook: American History 2016 Beginnings Through Reconstruction, Savvas Resources for the 8 th Grade Social Studies course are modified for district needs and all resources can be located on Curriculum Corner.

Scope & Sequence

Units/Modules & Instructional Days	Assessments & Scanning Deadlines	Standards
Unit 1: European Exploration and Colonization 12 days	TX_SS_8thSS_F26_UE1 Scanning Deadline: September 17 th , 2026	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.2(A), 8.3(A), 8.7(D), 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.11(A), 8.12(B), 8.12(C), 8.15(D), 8.23(A) Supporting Standards: 8.1(B), 8.2(B), 8.3(B), 8.3(C), 8.7(B), 8.10(A), 8.11(B), 8.12(A), 8.15(E), 8.23(D), 8.25(A)
Unit 2: The American Revolutionary Era 12 Days	TX_SS_8thSS_F26_UE2 Scanning Deadline: October 1 st , 2026	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.4(A), 8.4(C), 8.11(A), 8.15(C), 8.19(A) Supporting Standards: 8.1(B), 8.4(B), 8.10(A), 8.20(A), 8.20(B), 8.22(B), 8.23(D), 8.23(E), 8.26(A)
Unit 3: United States Constitution and Government 18 days	TX_SS_8thSS_F26_UE3 Scanning Deadline: October 29 th , 2026	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.4(D), 8.7(D), 8.10(C), 8.15(A), 8.15(C), 8.15(D), 8.16(A), 8.17(A), 8.19(A), 8.19(B), 8.25(C) Supporting Standards: 8.1(B), 8.15(B), 8.18(A), 8.19(B), 8.19(C), 8.21(A), 8.21(B), 8.21(C), 8.23(A), 8.25(A)
Unit 4: The Early Republic 13 days	Unit 4 and 5 Exam is combined – See Below	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.5(A), 8.5(D), 8.5(F), 8.6(A), 8.10(C) Supporting Standards: 8.1(B), 8.5(B), 8.5(C), 8.5(E), 8.11(B), 8.13(A), 8.14(A), 8.14(B), 8.18(A), 8.18(B), 8.20(A), 8.21(A), 8.22(A)
Unit 5: The Jacksonian Era 8 days	TX_SS_8thSS_F26_UE4and5 Scanning Deadline: December 10 th , 2026	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.5(D), 8.7(D), 8.10(C), 8.12(C), 8.15(D), 8.17(B) Supporting Standards: 8.5(C), 8.5(G), 8.5(H), 8.7(A), 8.7(E), 8.10(A), 8.21(A), 8.21(C), 8.23(C), 8.23(D), 8.26(A)
Unit 6: Westward Expansion 12 days	TX_SS_8thSS_F26_UE6 Scanning Deadline: January 6 th , 2027	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.6(B), 8.6(C), 8.7(D), 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.11(A), 8.12(C)

		Supporting Standards: 8.1(B), 8.10(A), 8.11(B), 8.12(A), 8.20(B), 8.23(C), 8.23(D), 8.23(E), 8.26(A), 8.27(C), 8.28(A)
Semester Exam/IA Window: December 7th – 18th, 2026 Scanning Deadline: January 8th, 2027		
Unit 7: Industrialization 8 days	Unit 7 and 8 Exam is combined – See Below	Readiness Standards: 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.11(A), 8.12(B), 8.12(C), 8.13(B), 8.23(A), 8.27(A) Supporting Standards: 8.5(E), 8.10(A), 8.11(B), 8.12(A), 8.13(A), 8.14(A), 8.14(B), 8.23(B), 8.23(D), 8.23(E), 8.27(B), 8.27(C), 8.28(A), 8.28(B)
Unit 8: The Reform Era 10 days	TX_SS_8thSS_S27_UE7and8 Scanning Deadline: February 11 th , 2027	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.24(A), 8.24(B) Supporting Standards: 8.10(A), 8.22(B), 8.23(B), 8.23(E), 8.25(B), 8.26(A), 8.26(B)
Unit 9: The Civil War Era 12 days	Unit 9 and 10 Exam is combined – See Below	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.7(C), 8.7(D), 8.8(B), 8.8(C), 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.12(C), 8.15(D), 8.17(B) Supporting Standards: 8.1(B), 8.7(A), 8.7(B), 8.7(E), 8.8(A), 8.8(D), 8.10(A), 8.12(A), 8.18(A), 8.18(C), 8.21(A), 8.21(C), 8.22(A), 8.22(B), 8.23(B), 8.23(C), 8.23(E), 8.26(A), 8.28(A)
Unit 10: Reconstruction 10 Days	TX_SS_8thSS_S27_UE9and10 Scanning Deadline: March 25 th , 2027	Readiness Standards: 8.1(A), 8.8(C), 8.9(C), 8.10(B), 8.10(C), 8.16(A), 8.16(B), 8.19(A) Supporting Standards: 8.7(B), 8.9(A), 8.9(B), 8.21(A), 8.21(C), 8.23(D), 8.26(B)
IA Exam Window: HOU & PB: February 26 - March 4, 2027 SA: March 1-5, 2027 AUS, EP, RGV, TACO: March 5-11, 2027		
STAAR Success Unit 10 Days	This Unit does not have required assessments	
STAAR Exam Window: April 12th – 23rd, 2027		

TEKS Alignment

Instruction in this course is aligned to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as adopted by the State Board of Education and implemented in accordance with Texas Education Code Chapter 28.

Instructional Materials

Primary Texts (if applicable)

Supplemental instructional materials may be used to support instruction. Supplemental materials do not replace board-approved core instructional materials.

Additional information regarding instructional programs, assessments, and parent access to instructional materials is available on the district website.

Instructional Expectations

Instruction is delivered using board-approved instructional materials and aligned to the scope and sequence outlined above. Teachers are expected to ensure all required standards are taught within the course timeframe.

Assessment Overview

Student learning is monitored through formative and summative assessments aligned to course standards. Assessment results are used to inform instruction and student supports. Students participate in required state assessments when applicable.