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**8th Grade Social Studies**

**History**

* Construct a written historical argument using both primary and secondary sources
* Identify the causes of the American Revolution
* Explain the effects of the American Revolution
* Identify the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution
* Identify the causes of the Civil War
* Explain the importance of 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments
* Explain the resolution of the Civil War and the context of the Reconstruction Era.
* Determine the role of these documents and how they played a role in key events in US history.

**Geography**

* Explain the purpose of historical maps
* Identify the 50 States and capitals of the United States
* Explain the influence of geography on the settlements and growth of the United States

**Economics**

* Identify different economic systems
* Explain the importance of free trade
* Explain how nations trade with one another
* Identify the positives and negatives for credit and debt

**Civics**

* Identify how the definition of citizen has changed throughout US history
* Identify examples of when groups of people have gained rights
* Determine the strategies groups have used to gain rights in the US
* Explain the conflicts between individual rights, state law, and national law