

# Cocalico School District

## Year-at-a-Glance - Curriculum Overview

**Department: Social Studies**

**Course: Social Studies**

**Grade Level: 8**

### Big Ideas

- Government is the protection or abridgement of balancing rights, liberty, and freedom.
- Citizens balancing their freedom and liberties in one form of government create actions that will impact citizens in other forms of government.
- The tools of economic markets and the functions of government control the full exercise of freedom and liberty.
- Governments and their citizens distribute resources, trade goods and services to balance freedom and liberty.
- The phenomena of the earth, its physical features, places and resources have been and will be an influence upon civilization.
- Geographic features influence human activities in exercising freedom and liberty.
- The study of the past gives information for today to make choices for liberty and freedom.

Units of Study	% of Course Time	Textbooks & Supplemental Materials	Assessments	Standards Addressed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nation Expands (1840-1860)</li> </ul>	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>United States History: Beginnings to 1914</i> textbook</li> <li>• Various online resources</li> <li>• Guided reading workbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Projects</li> <li>• Chapter tests</li> <li>• Essay</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.3.8.A</li> <li>• 8.3.8.B</li> <li>• 8.3.8.C</li> <li>• 8.3.8.D</li> <li>• 6.2.8.A</li> <li>• 6.2.8.B</li> <li>• 6.3.8.D</li> <li>• 5.2.8.C</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nation Breaks Apart (1860-1877)</li> </ul>	45%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>United States History: Beginnings to 1914</i> textbook</li> <li>• Various online resources</li> <li>• Library/media center resources</li> <li>• Guided reading workbook</li> <li>• Civil War movies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research project</li> <li>• Chapter tests</li> <li>• Projects</li> <li>• Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.3.8.A</li> <li>• 8.3.8.B</li> <li>• 8.3.8.C</li> <li>• 8.3.8.D</li> <li>• 7.2.8.A</li> <li>• 7.3.8.A</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Growing America (1850-1914)</li> </ul>	25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>United States History: Beginnings to 1914</i> textbook</li> <li>• Various online resources</li> <li>• Guided reading workbook</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter tests</li> <li>• Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.3.8.A</li> <li>• 8.3.8.B</li> <li>• 8.3.8.C</li> <li>• 8.3.8.D</li> <li>• 5.1.8.C</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current Events</li> </ul>	5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student-gearred news outlets</li> <li>• Newspapers/Magazines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quizzes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8.1.8.A</li> <li>• 8.1.8.B</li> </ul>



### Eagle P.A.C.T. Course Connections:

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies inspires students to use problem solving skills to communicate and evaluate historical facts and data through collaboration in order to better understand our nation and our adapting roles as citizens of the United States.