Welcome 8th Grade Parents!

What to Expect for the Social Studies



Josh Meyers Department Chair

About Our Curriculum



- All 9th graders take World and United States History I (Roughly 1450-1877)
- All 10th graders take World and United States History II (Roughly 1877-Present)
- This blended curriculum is very unique and helps to place American History in a global context

What will my child learn?

- Unit 1: Beginnings of the Modern World
- Unit 2: Collision of Cultures
- Unit 3: Absolutism and the Clash of Empires
- Unit 4: Enlightenment and Revolution! (French, American, Latin American)
- Unit 5: The Industrial Revolution
- Unit 6: Political Change in the United Kingdom and United States 1700-1800
- Unit 7: Rise of Nationalism and Expansion of Empires
- Unit 8: The United States Civil War and Reconstruction

What about skills?



- Research (Projects and Papers)
- Annotating and Note taking
- Writing
- Historical Thinking Skills (comparison, causation, context, etc)



How will teachers support my child?

- Freshmen team differentiates to meet diverse learning needs
- Students can receive extra help from their teacher during free periods or before or after school
- Students can enroll in Humanities Learning Center or drop-in as needed

What happens after 10th Grade?



Mandatory Course: Government (Junior or Senior Year)

Semester course during school year

Year-long AP Comparative Government during school year

Summer Government- In Person and / or Virtual

Then: ELECTIVES!

CHS Social Studies Electives

Gender Studies

History of Saint Louis



African Studies Music in American Society AP African American History

Behavioral Psychology The World at War AP Comparative Government

Classical Civilizations Sociology AP European History

Current Issues Philosophy AP Human Geography

Film in American Society Sports and Western Society AP Psychology

American Military Experience AP Economics

Civil War and Frontier History

AP United States History

International Relations AP World History





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