Welcome to 8th Grade American Studies

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

 It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you to eighth grade social studies for the 2016-2017 school year. This year we will be learning about the discovery and development of the United States. Commonly referred to “The Birth of Our Nation,” American Studies I focuses on the foundations and expansion of our nation and society.

Over the course of the year we will be studying the following topics:

* Beginnings of American History
	+ Early Americans & Cultures of North America
	+ European Outlook
	+ Colonization- Development & Culture
* Forming a New Nation
	+ Road to Revolution
	+ American Revolutionary War
	+ CONSTITUTION of the Unite States
* The New Republic
	+ Development, Adjustment, and Growth
* The Nation Expands and Changes
	+ Northern and Southern Identity and Divide
	+ Social and Political Reform
	+ Western Expansion
* Civil War and Reunion
	+ Nation Divided
	+ The Civil War
	+ Reconstruction

Attached, you will find additional information about my classroom expectations along with my grading and homework policies. We will be going over these procedures and policies the first day of class. Parents/Guardians please read over this information and sign the bottom portion next to the signature your eighth grader. Do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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I am very much looking forward to working with 8 White students and having an exciting year.

Sincerely,

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