

# *History Curriculum*

## Sixth Grade

- Examine the development of civilizations in order to discover cultural universals that apply across cultures, regardless of time or place.
- Examine migrations of people, ideas and things, to discover the importance of resources and interdependence throughout history and in today's globalized world.
- Examine the sustainability of cultures and the importance of resources and the environment to civilization.
- Develop map skills.

## Seventh Grade

- Discuss the United States and Illinois State Constitution with an emphasis on satisfying the state mandate and fostering civic awareness. Study various forms of government, comparing and contrasting them to American Democracy.
- Examine the growing nation in the nineteenth century and the impact upon various aspects of United States history, including the spread of Democracy through cooperation and conflict, Manifest Destiny, and westward migration.
- Consider the causes of the American Civil War with a particular focus on the role of sectionalism. Examine the effects of slavery in the interactions between North and South.

## Eighth Grade

- Examine the changes and interactions related to immigration, industrialization and urbanization at the turn of the century.
- Examine the expanding role of the United States as a world power. Discuss the patterns contributing to conflict between nations/societies.
- Study fundamental principles of economics. Contemporary and historical connections will be used to show resulting patterns and changes.

Note taking skills will be reinforced throughout the year