

Sanborn Regional School District
Middle School Course Syllabus and Competencies

Course Title: <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Social Studies</i></p>	Grade: 6		
Course Description: Students will gain an understanding of what it means to live in a democratic republic. They will gain an appreciation of how Americans from the past have helped to form their future. They will learn about the melting pot and how it has allowed our country to become what it is today. They will learn about economics and the impact our economy has on everyday life.			
Text/Major Resources: <i>Creating America</i> , McDougal-Littell, Kid's Discover magazines, Interact Simulations			
Essential Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What is a republic? How has sectionalism impacted our society? ✓ Why was it so important to preserve the Union? What was the impact of Reconstruction on the South? ✓ What is the impact of westward expansion? How has industrialization, urbanization and immigration impacted our history? ✓ What is nationalism? How does economy affect everyday life? 			
Course Competencies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand why limiting the powers of government is essential for the protection of individual rights Apply the ideals of the American system of government 2. Identify the core ideals and principles of American government by citing documents such as the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the Bills of Rights 3. Recognize the heritage that early settlers brought to the establishment of the United States 4. Value the characteristics of good citizenship 5. Know the responsibilities of an American citizen 6. Recognize that the preservation of liberty requires the participation of knowledgeable and engaged citizens 7. Use maps, globes and other graphic tools and technologies to acquire, process, report and analyze geographic information 8. Can describe the impact of major national and state events on everyday life 			
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Instructional Practices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Writing Across the Curriculum /Differentiated Instruction ✓ Interact Simulations/Cooperative Learning ✓ Academic Challenges/Essential Questions 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Assessment Strategies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student Writing Portfolio ✓ NWEA /NECAP/Common assessments ✓ Open-Ended Responses/Artistic Projects 		
<p>SRMS Mission and Expectations</p> <p>The faculty and staff of the Sanborn Regional Middle School have a commitment to recognize and nurture each student's abilities within the context of the educational setting. Through reflection, reinforcement and challenge we anchor within the student a sense of his/her ability, success, and dignity.</p> <p>We believe this goal is best served when a holistic approach is used.</p>			
<p><u>Students</u> Recognize student ability Nurture student ability Help students recognize their strengths and needs Help students recognize their success Help students behave with dignity</p>	<p><u>Classroom Lessons and Activities</u> Ask students to reflect on their learning Create experiences that reinforce skills Offer opportunities for students to be challenged</p>	<p><u>Classroom Climate</u> Create a safe classroom climate Develop clear and coherent expectations Provide a consistent system for expectations, behavior, and assessment</p>	<p><u>Communications</u> Develop partnerships with community Develop partnerships with parents</p>
<p>GRADEQUICK: Parents and students may access grades and course information on EDLINE: https://www.edline.net/index.page All student grades are updated every two weeks.</p>			