

**Berlin Brothersvalley School District  
Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School  
Year at a Glance Curriculum**

**Social Studies Department  
American History  
7th Grade**

**Course Description:** 7th Grade Social Studies is a one-year course covering events in the American Colonies and eventually the United States between the late 1500's and 1840's. We will study the cultural and political events that have forged the United States. In this class, we will use methods like problem solving, writing, analyzing, debating, and creating important group and individual projects. Please see below for a concise outline of the course.

Units of Study	Competencies	Approximate Timeframe	Standards
Introduction: How to Study History	Students will be able to distinguish between a primary source and a secondary source and determine how the context of historical events affect how events are viewed.	1 week	8.1.7.A.
Colonial America	Students will be able to identify and explain why people were creating colonies and moving to North America and analyze and discuss the experiences of those who lived in Colonial America.	6 weeks	8.1.7.C.
Revolutionary Era	Students will be able to analyze the events and decisions before and during the American Revolution.	5 weeks	8.3.7.D.
The Constitution	Students will be able to describe the challenges the Founders faced as they created a new government as well as explain how the United States government works.	9 weeks	5.1.7.D. 5.1.7.E. 5.2.7.A. 5.2.7.B. 5.2.7.C. 5.2.7.D. 5.3.7.A.. 5.1.7.A. 5.1.7.B. 5.1.7.C. 5.3.7.B. 5.3.7.C. 5.3.7.D. 5.3.7.F.

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The First Presidents	Students will be able to describe how our early presidents helped shape the office and the challenges they faced as President of the United States.	6 weeks	8.3.7.B. 5.3.7.J.
Jacksonian Democracy	Students will be able to identify the main principles of Jacksonian Democracy and explain how democracy was changing during the 19th century.	3 weeks	8.3.7.A.
Westward Expansion	Students will be able to analyze the main factors of the Westward Expansion and evaluate and judge the concept and justification of Manifest Destiny.	3 weeks	8.1.7.B.
Life in the North	Students will be able to identify and evaluate how different innovations in industry, travel, and communications changed American lives in the 1800s.	3 weeks	8.3.7.C.

\*Please visit [pdesas.org](http://pdesas.org) for a complete list of standards taught in this course and for more information regarding PA State Standards for this course.

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