**Syllabus** - U.S. History – 8th Grade

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**Texts** – TCI - “History Alive”, McGraw/Hill - “ Discovering our Past”, and Montana – “Stories of the Land ”. Our curriculum includes an on-line program that students can access at home as well as in school by using our Chromebooks. All our school programs can be easily accessed through “Clever”.

**Course Description**

U. S. History is a study of American History from 1850 to the present. During this time the United States came to play an increasingly important role on the global stage. We will begin our year with a study of the U.S. Constitution and relate this to our own lives as American citizens. Attention will then be paid to the events that created our American History.

**Goals and Objectives**

After the successful completion of this course students will be able to demonstrate the following skills and knowledge:

* Describe the purpose of government and how powers are acquired, maintained, and used.
* Identify and describe the basic features and functions of America’s political system.
* Discover Montana’s role in the development of America.
* Be familiar with the economic climate of Pre and Post Civil War America.
* Gain and understanding of the events and developments of the Progressive Era.
* Know the cause and effect of Immigration to the U.S.
* Learn about the development of industrialization in America.
* Attain an understanding of how the U.S. became a world power.
* Understand our role in World War 1.
* Know the Economic cause and effect of the Great Depression.
* Comprehend our role in World War 2 along with the subsequent Cold War.
* Learn about America’s Civil Rights Movement
* Interpret our role in the global economy.
* Understand America’s leadership role in today’s world.

In conclusion, throughout our course of study we will relate the importance of Geography, Economics, Culture, Technology, Government, and Citizenship to the historical events that shape U.S. History.