**Eighth Grade**

**U.S. History Power Standards**

**United States History and Geography: Growth and Conflict**

**US 8.1** Students understand the major events preceding the founding of the nation and relate their significance to the development of American constitutional democracy.

**US 8.2** Students analyze the political principles underlying the U.S. Constitution and compare the enumerated and implied powers of the federal government.

**US 8.3** Students understand the foundation of the American political system and the ways in which citizens participate in it.

**US 8.4** Students analyze the aspirations and ideals of the people of the new nation.

**US 8.5** Students analyze U.S. foreign policy in the early Republic.

**US 8.6** Students analyze the divergent paths of the American people from 1800 to the mid-1800’s and the challenges they faced, with emphasis on the Northeast.

**US 8.7** Students analyze the divergent paths of the American people in the South from 1800 to the mid-1800’s and the challenges they faced.

**US 8.8** Students analyze the divergent paths of the American people in the West from 1800 to the mid-1800’s and the challenges they faced.

**US 8.9** Students analyze the early and steady attempts to abolish slavery and to realize the ideals of the Declaration of Independence.

**US 8.10** Students analyze the multiple causes, key events, and complex consequences of the Civil War.

**US 8.11** Students analyze the character and lasting consequences of Reconstruction.

**US 8.12** Students analyze the transformation of the American economy and the changing social and political conditions in the United States in response to the Industrial Revolution.