

8th Grade Curriculum Map

	Language Arts	Social Studies	Math	Science	Health/P.E.
September	Informational writing, Organized paragraphs and 5-paragraph essays using Step-Up to Writing, Ideas for journaling	Early Native American Civilization Europeans Arrive Early Explorers (Spain, France, Portugal, Dutch) English Explorers		Lab Safety, Watersheds and the Water Cycle, Mapping, Topography	
October	Time Edge, reading and responding to non-fiction using Step-up formula, "A Long Walk to Water", Literary essay on themes	Colonization Colonial Economic Development French & Indian War Enlightenment/Great Awakening		Interior of Earth/Earth's Layers, Plate Tectonics, Formation of Bitterroot and Sapphire Mountains	
November	Global issues research, paper and presentation	Pre Revolutionary Period American Revolution Revolutionary War		Minerals and Rocks, Crystals, Science Fair Research Writing	
December	Poetry packet- how to read and respond to poetry	A New Nation Constitutional Convention Early American Government Bill of Rights		Science Fair, American Indian Tools from Rocks, Yellowstone/Obsidian Cliff	
January	Reading literature and reading strategies, elements of fiction, reading classic short stories, reading "Trash" by Mulligan	Presidents Washinton- Monroe Westward Expansion Monroe Doctrine War of 1812		Weathering and Soil, Erosion and Deposition	
February	Writing short stories, 200-word editorial for Ravalli Republic writing contest, Time Edge- reading and short response to non-fiction	Era of Good Feelings Presidents John Q. Adams -Andrew Jackson TEXAS independence Territorial Expansion Oregon Country Gold Rush		Science Fair Graphing, Data Analysis and Tri-boards	

	March	"Nightjohn" by Gary Paulson, writing and performing slave narratives using Telegamy app	Railroads Industrial Revolution Alaska Hawai i Spanish American War Panama Canal Imperialism Pres idents from Jackson to Lincoln		Glaciers, Glacial Lake Missoula, geologic timescale	
	April	Civil Rights mini research projects, "To Kill a Mockingbird" novel unit	American Reform Movement Prelude to Civil War Civil War		Atmosphere, Weather, Climate	
	May	"To Kill a Mockingbird" novel unit, final novel presentations	Civil War Reconstruction 2nd Industrial Revolution Standard Oil, U.S. Steel, Ford, Dodge, J. P. Morgan		Astronomy, Moon Phases	