

Syllabus for 5th Grade History 2023-2024

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Topics covered: In History, students will study American History from the first settlers through the Revolutionary War. Units include: The Land and People Before Columbus, The Age of Exploration, Cooperation and Conflict in North America, The Road to War, and The American Revolution.

How your History grade is determined (subject to change slightly):

Famous American Book Report (1 per trimester) 10%

Classwork 50%

Assessments 40%

A	92.5-100%	C	72.5-77.4%
A-	89.5-92.4%	C-	69.5-72.4%
B+	87.5-89.4%	D+	67.5-69.4%
B	82.5-87.4%	D	62.5-67.4%
B-	79.5-82.4%	D-	59.5-62.4%
C+	77.5-79.4%	F	0-59.4%

Students will work independently, in pairs, and in groups throughout the year. All students are strongly encouraged to ask a parent, classmate, another 5th grader, or a teacher for help until they understand a concept completely.

Famous American Book Report: Students will complete a book report about a famous American each trimester. This one assignment is worth 10% of their History grade. Students will be given three weeks to read their book and complete their written report. The assignment is to be written in a very specific four paragraph format. All details of this assignment will be given to students and explained in detail during class. The assignment will be emailed to all parents and students.

Assessments: Students will be given the following tips for studying for History tests. [How to Prepare for a History Test.](#)

Homework: Completing homework when assigned is critical to success in 5th grade. Students are expected to copy down homework in their planner. Homework assignments may also be

found on our [Fifth Grade Webpage](#). Homework is due at the start of class. Late work will receive a zero.

To contact Mr. Fern with any questions, concerns, or comments... EMAIL IS BEST:
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