

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In United States History Studies Since 1877, which is the second part of a two-year study that begins in Grade 8, students study the history of the United States from 1877 to the present. The course content is based on the founding documents of the U.S. government, which provide a framework for its heritage. Historical content focuses on the political, economic, and social events and issues. Students examine the impact of geographic factors on major events and eras and analyze their causes and effects. Students examine the impact of constitutional issues on American society, evaluate the dynamic relationship of the three branches of the federal government, and analyze efforts to expand the democratic process. Students analyze a variety of primary and secondary source material.

U.S. History students are required to pass the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) End- of-Course (EOC) U.S. History exam to meet part of the graduation requirements.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Six Weeks Overview**

Students will be engaged in course work over the following units of study:

Unit 1: Foundations: Background to American History

## Unit 4: The Pr