

**MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE SCHOOL**  
Grade Level Goals and Content

**GRADE: 8**

**SUBJECT: Social Studies**

**GOALS:**

Students will:

1. analyze the cause-effect relationship of events in American history from the Civil War to the present.
2. identify the major elements of geography as they relate to the expansion of American influence in the world from the Civil War to the present.
3. show an appreciation for the role and impact of ethnic and minority groups on the growth of the United States from the Civil War to the present.
4. use and create maps, graphs, and charts relating to the chronology and themes of American history from the Civil War to the present.
5. analyze historical documents relating to the events of American history from the Civil War to the present.
6. research history, government, economy and culture of a foreign country for the Model United Nations.
7. use technology for research projects relating to topics of American history from the Civil War to the present.
8. use correct oral and written expression on class work, homework assignments, and projects relating to topics in American history from the Civil War to the present.

**CONTENT TOPICS:**

1. Civil War and Reconstruction
2. Settlement of the West 1860 - 1900
3. Rise of Big Business, Industry, and the Labor Movement
4. Immigration 1860 - present
5. American involvement and expansion in world affairs 1865 - 1914
6. Causes, events, and results of World War I
7. 1920's
8. Great Depression
9. Causes, events, and results of World War II
10. Model United Nations process
11. Process of notetaking skills