Eighth Grade Social Studies

* Two-part course taught in eighth grade and ninth grade
* Eighth Grade Sequence: The Historical Process and the Road to Independence; Forging a New Nation; Growth of a Nation; A Union in Disunion – Colonial America to Reconstruction
* Current events are integrated in the units
* Focus on discipline literacy -- Reading and writing skills are embedded in the social studies curriculum Reading Like a Historian
* Specific objectives and inquires have been developed for the Gifted and Talented classes
* Textbook: The American Republic to 1877 by Glencoe; The United States Through Industrialism by TCI; students will use a variety of secondary and primary sources
* Students must maintain a separate Social Studies binder
* There is routine, order, and structure to the class; monitor your child’s progress through the Agenda Book, quarterly grade sheets and goal sheets, and binder
* Homework: Approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours of homework will be assigned per week (10-15 minutes per night); it is the student's responsibility to copy the homework in their Agenda Book, to obtain and hand in all work, and to make-up any missed assignments
* Quizzes and tests are announced and information is posted (white board in Room 11 and electronically through HCPSS’s Canvas learning management system) approximately a week before they are given and study guides are provided
* Grades on HCPSS’s Canvas learning management system will be up-dated on a timely basis; for the most up-to-date information check your child’s grade sheet
* Best way to reach Ms. Apple is to write a note in your child’s Agenda Book or call school (410-313-5520) and leave a message