

8th Grade Scope and Sequence

Books: *American History* (McDougal Littell) and *Painless American Government* (Barron's)

Massachusetts Frameworks can be found at this site:

<http://www.doe.mass.edu/frameworks/current.html>

Colonialism

- 13 Colonies
- Maps
- Daily Life
- Slavery
- Triangular Trade

American Revolution

- French & Indian War/Pontiac's Rebellion
- Taxes & other events leading to Revolution
- Boston Tea Party and Massacre
- People including Ben Franklin, John Adams, etc.
- Lexington & Concord and Bunker Hill
- Declaration of Independence
- Philadelphia
- The war itself (battles, people, places)
- End of the war and results

Formation of the Constitution and Bill of Rights

- Articles of Confederation
- Principles and goals of the Constitution
- Checks and balances
- Bill of Rights

Supreme Court

- Landmark cases
- Roles of the courts
- Requirements to be a judge
- Federal court system

Executive Branch

- Political parties
- Elections
- Roles of President and Vice-President
- Requirements to hold office
- Cabinet
- Departments

Legislative Branch

- Roles of Senate and House of Representatives
- Requirements to hold office
- How a bill becomes a law
- Mock Congress and debating

Local Government and preparation of trip to Washington, D.C.