# 8th Grade Social Studies Syllabus

Teacher: Ms. Morris

Course Duration: Full Academic Year

Textbook: Gallopade Georgia Studies

## Course Objectives

- Understand the historical, geographical, political, and economic development of Georgia.

- Analyze the impact of historical events and movements on the state and nation.

- Develop critical thinking and inquiry skills through primary and secondary sources.

- Engage in discussions and projects that connect past and present issues.

- Understand civic responsibilities and the role of government.

## Materials

- Gallopade Georgia Studies Textbook

- Notebook or binder

- Pens, pencils, highlighters

- Access to digital resources and internet

- Map of Georgia and the United States

## Assessments

- Quizzes and tests

- Class discussions and participation

- Projects and presentations

- Document-Based Questions (DBQs)

- Homework and classwork assignments

## Weekly Topics

Unit 0: Rituals and Routine and Profile of a Learner – 2 days

Unit 1: Connecting Themes – 3 days

Unit 2: Geography and American Indians (Gallopade: Ch. 2 and Ch. 3 Section 1) – 9 days

Unit 3: Exploration and Colonization (Gallopade: Ch. 3 Exploration, Ch. 4 Colonization) – 10 days

Unit 4: Statehood (Gallopade: Ch. 5, Ch. 6, Ch. 7, Ch. 8) – 16 days

Unit 5: The Civil War (Gallopade: Ch. 9 and Ch. 10) – 12 days

Unit 6: The New South (Gallopade: Ch. 11) – 12 days

Unit 7: The 20th Century (Gallopade: Ch. 12 and Ch. 13) – 12 days

Unit 8: Post WWII Georgia (Gallopade: Ch. 14) – 6 days

Unit 9: Civil Rights (Gallopade: Ch. 15) – 10 days

Unit 10: Modern Georgia (Gallopade: Ch. 16) – 10 days

Unit 11: State and Local Government (Gallopade: Ch. 17, Ch. 18, Ch. 20) – 12 days

Unit 12: Adult and Juvenile Justice (Gallopade: Ch. 19) – 4 days

Unit 13: Personal Finance (Gallopade: Ch. 21) – 4 days