

K-8 Loudon County Summer Scholars Guide 2019-2020

Rising Grade ___9th _____

School ___Fort Loudon Middle School_____

Curriculum covered during the previous year that requires continued retention and repetition for students:

Eighth grade students will study the European exploration of North America, along with the geographic features that influenced early settlements and colonies. This course will emphasize the development and maturation of the British colonies, and the political, cultural, and economic influences that led to the American Revolution. The major events and outcomes of the American Revolution will be analyzed, along with the individuals that played influential roles in the development of the new nation. Students will follow the development of the United States and its government, continuing through the early 19th century. The impact of the expansion of the United States will be analyzed, including implications on domestic and foreign policy. Policies that affected the American Indians will also be studied. The events leading up to the Civil War will be examined, along with the individuals and events that were significant during the war. The history, people, government, and geography of Tennessee will be emphasized in order to illustrate the role our state has played in American history. Reconstruction and the development of the American West will conclude this course.

Curriculum for the upcoming school year of which students should be aware, and areas that might be a challenge for students, with suggestions on how students can prepare for the upcoming year:

Students will study the rise of the nation-state in Europe, the origins and consequences of the Industrial Revolution, political reform in Western Europe, imperialism, across the world, and the economic and political roots of the modern world. Students will explain the causes and consequences of the great military and economic events of the past century, including the World Wars, Great Depression, Cold War and the continuing persistence of political, ethnic, and religious conflict in many parts of the world.

Suggested Summer Reading:

Primary Sources: Excerpts from the abolitionist writings and speeches of William Wilberforce; excerpts from John Stuart Mill's "On Liberty"; excerpts from Charles Darwin's "Origin of Species"; John Locke Two Treatise on Government; Enlightenment Period Writings.

Suggested Activities/Practice Assignments

IXL Activities to corresponding curriculum

Visit East Tennessee Historical Society

Visit Ft Loudoun State Park and Sequoyah Museum