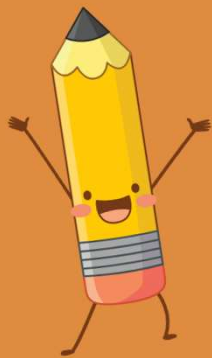


Pine Island Academy

U.S. History

Curriculum Chat

August 28, 2025



Welcome Parents!

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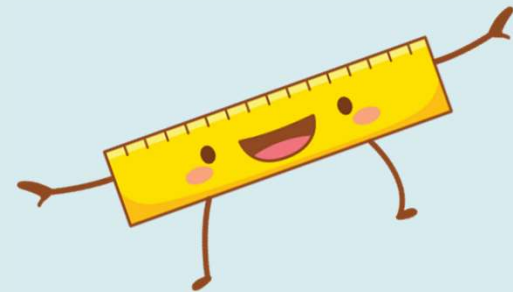
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World History



7th Grade:
U.S. History



8th Grade:
Civics



U.S. History Curriculum



Primary content emphasis for this course pertains to the study of American History from the **Exploration and Colonization period to the Reconstruction period** following the Civil War. Students will be exposed to the historical, geographic, political, economic, and sociological events which influenced the development of the United States and the resulting impact on world history.



Textbook

AT HOME: Students are provided an Online World History Textbook, which includes additional online resources such as videos and audio of the text. The online textbook is located within your student's World History Schoology class.

AT SCHOOL: A hard-covered class set will be provided only within the classroom setting



Online Textbook - World History

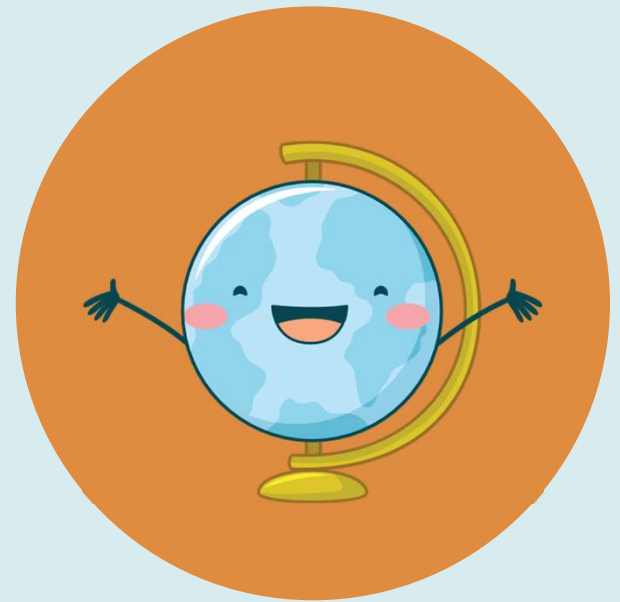


District Testing

There are no district final exams or midterms for U.S. History.

Common Summative Assessment (CSAs)

- For all middle school social studies courses
- For one unit per quarter
- Will serve as the summative for that unit
- All teachers through the district must administer



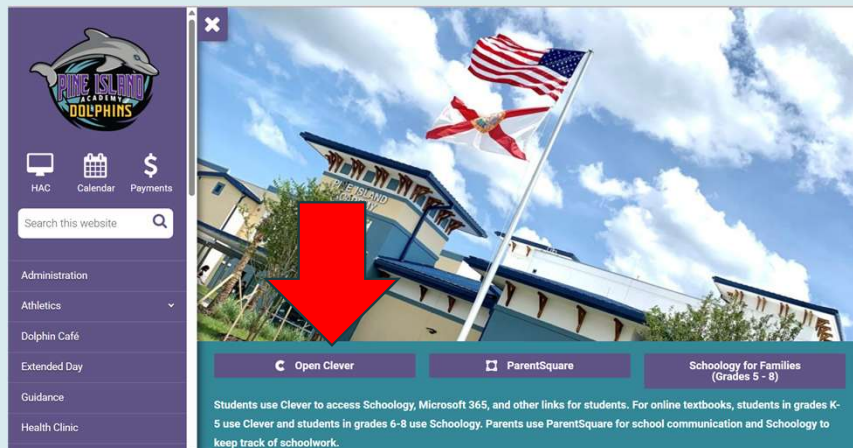
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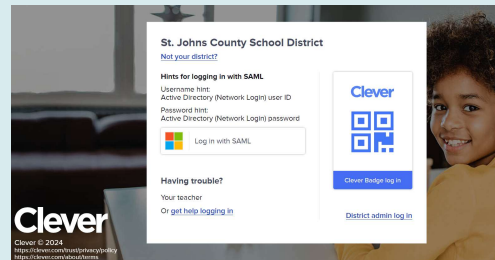
Our classes will use **Schoology** as a main source of communication. Each week we will post the assignments that we will be completing. Teachers will also post any upcoming projects, major due dates and attach extra copies of worksheets and/or study guides for the students.

Students should be checking it DAILY

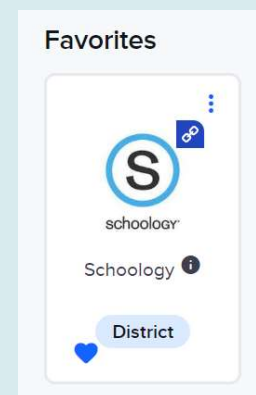
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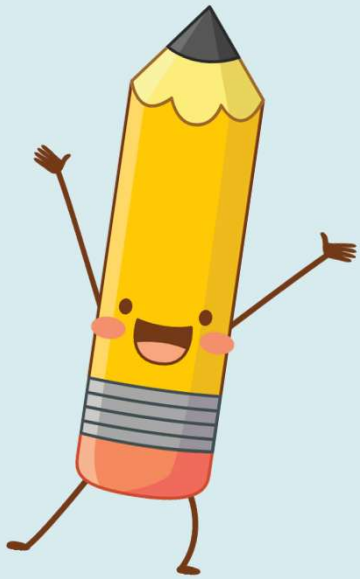
Step 2: Students will use their S# and Password to Log into Clever



Step 3: Click on the Schoology Icon to logged in (S# and Password may be required again)



School Grading Policies



Students are assigned percentages for all class work, homework, quizzes, tests, projects, etc.

Students are responsible for keeping up with their grades in the class via HAC. However, we will update students in person as often as possible throughout the school year.

The school/district has adopted the following division for how the overall grade will be determined.

70% - Summative/Test Scores

30% - Formative/Class Work

Grading Scale

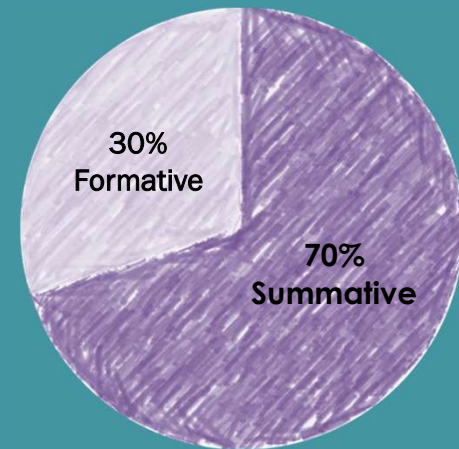
A = 90-100%

B = 80-89%

C = 70-79%

D = 60-69%

F = 59-0 <- Try Again



Retesting Policy

- Any student that scores an **85% B or below** will be offered the opportunity to retest once. The new grade will replace the old grade with **maximum grade on a retest will be 85% B.**
- Students have **1** opportunity to re-test per assessment and this must be completed within **10 school days** of the original assessment.
- Students **MUST** complete the reteaching assignment provided by the teacher prior to taking the re-test.

U.S. History Weekly News

- At the end of each week parents and students are emailed a brief message about events that will be occurring the following week, such as class work, homework, tests and quizzes.
- On the right is a picture of an example of what you should be receiving.

U.S. History News
Week of August 14th

Notes from the Teacher

We had a great first week getting to know one another. Next week we will be starting our first day of content. We will be learning about the Age of Exploration. I would like to encourage parents to share a discussion about Christopher Columbus (among other explores that you might know) with your student(s).

As a reminder, quizzes count as formative assessments and cannot be retaken. Students do have the ability to retake summative assessments if the student scores an 84% or below and after completing a remedial assignment for the highest possible score of an 85%.

For parents looking for a more detailed outlook of the week (including class work, homework, due dates of assignments) please refer to Schoology. You can also find digital copies of all the assignments we complete in class on that platform. If you or your student have any questions, I encourage you to email me. Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Dates to Remember

- Ch 2.1 Quiz: 8/22
- Ch 2.2 Quiz: 8/24
- Chapter 2 Test: 8/29

Dinner Table Questions

- Why did Columbus sail for Spain verse his home country of Italy?
- How did technology during the Age of Exploration encourage people to explore?

	Monday 8/14	Tuesday 8/15	Wednesday Early Release 8/16	Thursday 8/17	Friday 8/18
Classwork	U.S. History Syllabus and Classroom Procedures	U.S. History Syllabus and Classroom Procedures	Schoology Scavenger Hunt	Chapter 2 Lesson 1 Notes	Columbian Exchange Reading Activity
Homework	None	None	None	Study for the Chapter 2 Lesson 1 Quiz on 8/22	Study for the Chapter 2 Lesson 1 Quiz on 8/22
DUE	Back to School Puzzle Piece Classroom Mascot		Classroom Mascot		

Questions?

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns

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