

American History 6-8th Grade



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Tuition: \$50 per month. Venmo (preferred): @bmhthe3 or Check payable to Brett Hardy + One Time Fee of \$15 for in-class activities

Course Description

This exciting 6-8th Grade American History class brings our nation's story to life through engaging historical fiction, nonfiction, discussions, primary sources, crafts, recipes, and hands-on activities. Students will explore exploration, colonial life, the Revolutionary War, westward expansion, the Civil War, World War II, and key events up to the Civil Rights era.

Books

1. Pedro's Journal
2. Sign of the Beaver
3. Johnny Tremain
4. The Witch of Blackbird Pond
5. Justin Morgan Had a Horse
6. Across Five Aprils
7. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry
8. Number the Stars
9. The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963

Where to Get Books

- **Free options:** Check your local library (OKC, Edmond, etc.) through the **Libby app** for e-books and audiobooks (highly recommended for convenience). Many of these titles are available as free digital loans.
- Other sources: Amazon (new/used), ThriftBooks, or homeschool resale groups. Audiobooks are excellent for car rides or busy evenings.

Supplies Needed (Please bring to every class)

- 1–1.5 inch binder
- Notebook paper or composition notebook
- Pencils, erasers, and colored pencils or markers
- Glue stick and scissors (will leave in class)
- Folder for loose papers

At Home Work

- **This class is designed in 2-week segments.** This means we read a book for 2-weeks, then focus on in class activities for 2-weeks.
- **Book weeks (2 weeks per book):** Students will read the assigned book at home (typically 20ish minute per night, depending on the book). We will discuss the reading and related American history topics during our in-person class.
- **Activity weeks (no new book):** Students will complete simple crafts - either at home, or in class (depending on week), in class recipes, map work, or review from the previous book.

Assignments / Projects / Tests

- **Weekly Assignments:** Students will complete a simple worksheet provided for each book (short answers, vocabulary, or reflection questions).
- **Projects:** There will be one at-home projects per semester that students will present in class and there will be one test for each semester. More information about these will be given in class and sent home. Students will be allowed to use in class notes/worksheets/etc for the tests.

Please contact me with any questions. I'm looking forward to a great year exploring American History together!