

8th Grade Content Vocabulary
History-Social Science

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| Standard | Term | Definition |
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| 8.1 | Declaration of Independence | Document saying why colonies broke away from Great Britain. |
| 8.1 | Continental Congress | Gathering of representatives from each colony |
| 8.1.1 | Great Awakening | Religious movement that had people wanting social and political equality |
| 8.1.4 | republic | A nation that is headed by elected or chosen official |
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| 8.2 | Constitution | Basic rules that determine the powers of government |
| 8.2.1 | English Bill of Rights | Change in power away from monarchy |
| 8.2.2 | Articles of Confederation | Document that created the first government of the United States |
| 8.2.4 | Federalist Papers | Series of writings that explained the constitution and explained to Americans the limited power of government |
| 8.2.6 | Bill of Rights | First 10 amendments of the Constitution |
| 8.2.7 | checks and balances | System that prevents any branch of government from becoming too powerful |
| 8.2.7 | separation of powers | A way to keep central government from gaining too much power. |
| 8.2.7 | Popular Sovereignty | Idea that people can control the government |
| 8.2.7 | Federalism | Power of government split between central government and individual states |

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| 8.3.4 | national bank | A bank owned and operated by the government |
| 8.3.6 | impeachment | A way the legislative body can bring charges against a public official. |
| 8.3.6 | Representative | Person who speaks for others |
| 8.3.6 | Congress | A group of representatives |
| 8.3.6 | US Supreme court | Highest court in the land |
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| 8.4.1 | Louisiana Purchase | Purchase of land from French between Mississippi and Rocky Mountains. |
| 8.4.1 | election of 1800 | Led to 12 th amendment and peaceful transition of power |
| 8.4.3 | Economy | How people make money |
| 8.4.3 | Nullification crisis | Dispute that states could ignore federal laws if they violated the Constitution |
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| 8.5 | foreign policy | How to deal with other countries |
| 8.5.2 | Monroe Doctrine | Does not allow other countries to colonize the Americas |
| 8.5.2 | Mexican-American War | War between Mexico and US over disagreement about border |
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| 8.6.1 | Industrial Revolution | Quick growth of use of machines and production |
| 8.6.1 | trade unions | Worker groups that try to improve working conditions |
| 8.6.6 | Suffrage | Right to vote |
| 8.6.6 | Seneca Falls | Meeting of women to discuss women's rights |
| 8.6.7 | transcendentalism | Idea that people did not need material things, popular among New England writers |
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| 8.7.1 | cotton gin | Machine that took seed out of cotton |
| 8.7.1 | agrarian | Farm lifestyle |
| 8.7.2 | Nat Turner Rebellion | Slave rebellion led by Nat Turner who attempted to overthrow planter families |
| 8.7.2 | slavery | Involuntary servitude |
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| 8.8.2 | Trail of Tears | Forced movement of Cherokee nation westward |
| 8.8.2 | Manifest Destiny | Belief that divine right to control all land across the continent |
| 8.8.1 | spoils system | Practice by politician by giving jobs to friends |
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| 8.9.1 | Underground railroad | Group of people who helped provide transportation and hiding places for runaway slaves |
| 8.9.4 | abolition | Movement by people who wanted to make slavery illegal |
| 8.9.4 | compromise | Agreement where each side gives up something |
| 8.9.5 | Dred Scott decision | Supreme court decision that declared African Americans were not citizens |
| 8.9.5 | state's rights doctrine | Belief that state power should be greater than federal power |
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| 8.10.2 | sectionalism | Supporting geographic region over the whole country |
| 8.10.3 | secession | Breaking away from the United States |
| 8.10.4 | Gettysburg Address | Lincoln speech that committed to winning the Civil War |
| 8.10.4 | Emancipation Proclamation | Lincoln's order to free the slaves in states still in rebellion |
| 8.10.6 | Appomattox Courthouse | Site where Civil War ended |
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| 8.11.1 | Reconstruction | Idea after the Civil War to get the United States back together |
| 8.11.3 | Freedmen's Bureau | Government agency to help freed slaves and the poor after the Civil War |
| 8.11.3 | segregation | Separation of races |
| 8.11.3 | Jim Crow laws | Law that enforced segregation in the South |
| 8.11.4 | Ku Klux Klan | Secret group of white southerners to keep African Americans from getting Civil Rights |
| 8.11.5 | 13 th , 14 th , 15 th Amendment | Laws that were passed to give all people civil rights |
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| 8.12 | Ellis Island | Eastern port for immigrants from Europe |
| 8.12.4 | populism | Political party that supported by the farmers alliance |
| 8.12.4 | Industrialization | New ways to manufacture goods |
| 8.12.4 | capitalism | Industry run by private business |
| 8.12/8.6.3 | immigration | People moving to another country from homeland |
| 8.12.7 | nativist | Citizens against immigrants because they worried about losing their jobs |
| 8.12.8 | grangerism | Organization that protected farmers interest |
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