

# History Syllabus Prek-4th Grade 2017-2018

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## Text:

There is no required text for this year. We are using topics from the All American History Volume II. There is no need to purchase the book, because there are many resources available online and at your local library.

## Course Overview:

We will introduce your child to some of the highlights of American History. We want the kids to have a fun, informative, hands-on experience as they learn.

A general overview of class time will be:  
10-15 minutes of teacher presentation  
20-25 minutes hands on activity  
10-15 minutes of lap-book activity

If they come to class with some prior knowledge of the topic it will help enhance their learning. Reading books, visiting the websites listed on the blog, and completing the History Detective will accomplish this.

## Blog/History Detective:

1) The blog address: [tricityhistorydetective.blogspot.com](http://tricityhistorydetective.blogspot.com)

On the blog you will find a brief overview of the topic for the semester as well as links to videos, games and websites with further information.

2) The History Detective is a one page worksheet for you to print off and complete with your child after viewing the blog. One of the history teachers will email the upcoming History Detective to everyone at least one week prior to the co-op. There will be a PreK/K History Detective along with a 1st-4th grade History Detective. The blog will be

updated at that time, and will also have a list of extra credit options. Extra Credit is completely OPTIONAL.

3) Each week when the History Detective is sent out there will also be sent a note booking page. We would encourage the 3rd/4th grade after completing the History Detective and visiting websites listed on the blog to write a paragraph on the subject on their note booking page and bring it to co-op along with their History Detective and extra credit. We will bind up the note booking pages at the end of the year. For everyone who has completed all of the note booking pages they will receive a special reward beyond what every student receives at the end of the year. Last year all students received ice cream coupons, and the students that completed all their notebooking pages received additional coupons (such as to jumpin jax)

We will file each lap-book activity and assemble the lap-book at the end of each semester. You are welcome to staple the two lap-books together at the end of the year if you prefer.

### **Topics:**

This year we will cover American History- The Civil War to the 21st Century

#### **1st Semester**

1. The Oregon Trail September 8
2. Underground Railroad/Harriet Tubman September 22
3. Life of Abraham Lincoln October 13
4. The Civil War October 27
5. Immigration/Statue of Liberty November 3
6. Panama Canal/Theodore Roosevelt November 17
7. LapBooks/Review Games December 4

#### **2nd Semester**

1. The Roaring 20's
2. The Depression/Dust Bowl
3. WWI
4. WWII/Anne Frank
5. Martin Luther King Jr./Segregation
6. John F. Kennedy
7. LapBooks/Review Games

We look forward to a great year! Please let us know if you have any questions!  
-The Prek-4th Grade History Team