

## Alvin C. York Institute Syllabus

Course Title: Tennessee History

School Motto: Prepare and Excel

Instructor: Mr. Josh Choate

Prerequisite: None

Textbook Equivalency:

Materials:

Course Description: Students will examine the history of Tennessee, including the cultural, geographic, economic, and political influences upon that history. Students will discuss Tennessee's indigenous peoples as well as the arrival of Euro-American settlers. Students will analyze and describe the foundation of the state of Tennessee. Students will identify and explain the origins, impact, and aftermath of the Civil War. Students will discuss the rise of a manufacturing economy. Finally, students will examine and discuss the Civil Rights Movement and Tennessee's modern economy and society.

Course Calendar:

Unit 1: Indigenous peoples of Tennessee

- Students will examine the indigenous peoples of Tennessee and the impact of European exploration on the region.

Unit 2: The Struggle for Tennessee's Frontier (1600s-1700s)

- Students will discuss settlement in the Tennessee region, evaluate the effects of trade and migration on the region, and analyze Tennessee's role in the American Revolution.

Unit 3: From Territory to Statehood (1784-1796)

- Students will identify reasons for the settlement of Tennessee, discuss conflicts between settlers and American Indians, and examine the process of Tennessee becoming a state.

Unit 4: Tennessee's Coming of Age (1796-1812)

- Students will evaluate reasons for the growth of the three grand divisions of Tennessee, the lives of various populations, and the role of Tennessee in the War of 1812.

Unit 5: Tennessee's Golden Age (1800-1860)

- Students will examine the changes to Tennessee's economy, contributions of important Tennesseans, and the growth of slavery in Tennessee prior to the Civil War.

Unit 6: Tennessee A Time of Troubles (1860-1865)

- Students will examine the role of Tennessee and important Tennesseans during the Civil War.

Unit 7: Tennessee During Reconstruction (1865-1880)

- Students will analyze the impact of Reconstruction on Tennessee, including: the effects on the population, rise of the Ku Klux Klan, efforts of the Freedmen's Bureau, and writing of a new state constitution.

Unit 8: Tennessee in the New South (1800-1900s)

- Students will identify the changes in Tennessee post-Reconstruction.

Unit 9: Tennessee: Reform and War (1900-1945)

- Students will learn about the major events, people, and moments in Tennessee history in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and the effects they had on the state and the United States.

Unit 10: Tennessee in Modern Times (1945-Present)

- Students will learn about Tennessee in modern times, including: the significance of Tennesseans, key economic and social developments of Tennessee, and Tennessee's entertainment and business industry.

Instruction Methods: Lecture, Whole Group Instruction, Small Group Instruction, Graphic Organizers, Student Presentations, Creative Writings.

Grading Scale:	Tests:	25%
	Final:	30%
	Quizzes	20%
	Presentation	15%
	Daily	10%