

Hamilton Local School District

ACTION PLANNING TOOL

Goal(s): 8th-Grade Social Studies Teachers Accountability / Goals	
PLC: HMS	Date: August 21, 2012
Administrative Approval:	Date:

Action Step	Resources Available	Resources Needed	Person(s) Responsible	Others to Involve to Complete Action Step	Timeline
Focus on content reading and raising vocabulary.	Textbooks; unit vocabulary; primary source materials	Expanded primary sources; expanded secondary sources	8 th -Grade Social Studies Department	8 th -Grade Language Arts teachers	2012-2013 School Year
Improvements on quality writing and improve the writing process.	Daily Journal writing; Document Based Question writing assignments; more stringent grading of existing writing assignments	Higher level thinking journals; DBQ's; SCA's.	8 th -Grade Social Studies Department	8 th -Grade Language Arts teachers	2012-2013 School Year
Assist in raising 8 th -Grade OAA Science Scores.	Maps; geography; Released OAA Social Studies tests.	More testing materials; more geography resources that are also part of 8 th -grade Science standards	8 th -Grade Social Studies Department	8 th -Grade Science teachers	2012-2013 School Year
Raise classroom expectations by demanding a higher-level thinking from the students.	Lesson plans; expectations; student responsibility and accountability	Changes to the type of questions and the type of lessons.	8 th -Grade Social Studies Department	none	2012-2013 School Year

Transition to the Common Core State Standards.	Revised Common Core State Standards.	Textbooks that are aligned to the CCSS; professional development; time for planning to implement the CCSS	8 th -Grade Social Studies Department	Principal; Director of Curriculum	2012-2013 School Year
Focus on content area reading on a daily basis with brain storming activities or questions of the day.	Textbook, vocabulary, lesson plans, content area reading selections and skills, primary sources, computer lab.	High interest reading sources, leveled reading resources, and on-line research	Social Studies Department	LA Department	All school year
Focus on writing in content area to assist Language Arts department	Textbook, vocabulary, lesson plans, content area reading selections and skills, primary sources		Social Studies Department	LA Department	All School Year

