

Modern American History Scope and Sequence 2017-2018

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INTRODUCTION**1 week**

Enduring Understandings	- America, in its current state, is the effect of many historical causes		
Enduring Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are America's present day strengths and weaknesses? - What is America's role in the world? - How do historical events determine modern day occurrences? 		
Primary Source Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current Events - Importance of history article - WWII propaganda and viewpoints activities 	Key Topics and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classroom rules/procedures - Cause-effect relationship between history and present-day America
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be determined by teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect themes from historical past to present day events. • Discuss/practice primary source analysis skills. • Reading and analyzing various primary and secondary sources. • Writing to learn activities during lectures • Class discussions. 		
Academic Standards	8.1.U.A 8.3.U.A. 8.3.U.C. 8.3.U.D.	ELA Standards	CC.8.6.11-12.H

1. Postwar America

3 weeks

<p>Enduring Understandings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After WWII, a “Cold War” rivalry developed between the US and USSR. - The Cold War exploded into armed conflict in Korea, ending in an uneasy truce and a growing concern about the communist threat to the free world. - Domestic spy cases increased fear of communist influence in the U.S. government, leading to a new Red Scare. - The U.S. economy boomed in the 1950s. - During the postwar population shift, many moved from the cities to the suburbs and the Sunbelt. - Despite postwar prosperity, discontent grew among minorities and the young. 		
<p>Enduring Questions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is America’s role in the world? - Who was responsible for the Cold War? - To what extent should the U.S. intervene in other countries? - How does migration and economic change affect the demographics of a society? 		
<p>Primary Source Documents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Truman Doctrine - The Sources of Soviet Conduct by Keenan - Eisenhower Doctrine - Verona Papers - The Other America by Michael Harrington - Time: Life of Teenager/gender roles 	<p>Key Topics and Ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cold War/ Communism/ Containment - Korean War - Arms Race/International conflicts - Red Scare tensions - Prosperity/Migration after WWs - American Culture - Suburbanization - GI Bill
<p>Assessments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cold War Timeline - 1950s Web quest - Reading and analyzing various primary and secondary sources. - Writing to learn activities during lectures - Class discussions - Guided textbook readings 		
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2. Civil Rights/Reform and The Vietnam Era

3 weeks

Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After WWII, a growing civil rights movement challenged discrimination in America - Under the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, laws were enacted to protect voting rights and civil rights. - There is still much controversy over the assassination of JFK. - President Johnson’s “Great Society” programs tried to improve the quality of life in America. - The U.S. responded to Soviet aggression worldwide and supported anticommunist forces in Vietnam - U.S. involvement in Vietnam moved from an advisory to a combat role - The Vietnam War drained U.S. troops, money, and morale. - Lack of progress and a rising death toll reduced public support for the war - Although President Nixon expanded the war into Cambodia, all parties signed the Paris Peace Accords in January 1973 - The Vietnam War had a long-lasting effect on politics and attitudes in the U.S. 		
Enduring Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we ensure equality for all? - What is America’s role in the world? - How does war affect society? 		
Primary Source Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warren Commission - 26th Amendment - Pentagon Papers - John Kerry-anti-war speech - Anti-war music of the era - Ballot or the Bullet-Malcolm X - Non-violence: Only Road to Freedom: MLK - Letter from Birmingham Jail: MLK - BPP Platform - BLM Platform - Kennedy’s Inaugural - Cuban Missile Crisis documents 	Key Topics and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Basic</i> Civil Rights Movement overview - Kennedy’s New Frontier/Assassination - Johnson’s Great Society/Warren Court - Kennedy and the Cold War - Escalation in Vietnam - Antiwar movement - King/Kennedy Assassination - Nixon - Cuban Missile Crisis
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of primary and secondary sources. - Civil Rights formal paper - JFK Assassination project - Text-text connection: Civil Rights goals/strategies and BLM platform - Writing to Learn activities throughout lecture. - Class discussions - Guided textbook readings. 		
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3. Era of Change

3 weeks

Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The United States experienced a period of rapid social and cultural change in the 1960s and 1970s - Movements for equal rights for women and minorities emerged in the 1960s - Economic problems at home and political problems abroad characterized the 1970s - The political turbulence of the 1960s provoked a conservative reaction in the 1970s 		
Enduring Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the challenges of diversity? - Why do reform movements begin? - What factors lead to changing perceptions regarding the role of government? 		
Primary Source Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan - Title IX - Silent Spring by Rachel Carson - United States v. Nixon - Cesar Chavez documents - AIM platform - Mattachine Society - Nixon Resignation speech 	Key Topics and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Counterculture - Women’s Rights - Minorities push for equality - Environmental movement - Nixon’s policies - Watergate Scandal - Policies under Ford and Carter
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Era of Change Poster Project - Watergate assessment - Guided textbook reading - Analysis of primary and secondary sources. - Writing to learn activities during lectures. - Class discussions 		
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4. America in the 1980s and 1990s

3 weeks

Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the 1970s, a conservative movement strengthened, leading to the election of Ronald Reagan as President in 1980 - “Supply-side economics” aimed to improve the economy by cutting taxes - Reagan’s policy of Peace Through Strength helped end the Cold War - During the 1980s and 1990s, the U.S. acted as a peacekeeper worldwide - Republicans announced their “Contract with America,” calling for a reduction of government and a balanced budget - President Clinton was impeached, but not convicted, for perjury and obstruction of justice 		
Enduring Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What makes a government successful? 		
Primary Source Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Time For Choosing—speech by Reagan - “Tear Down this Wall”—speech by Reagan - Persian Gulf address to Congress—GHW Bush speech - NAFTA - FMLA 	Key Topics and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conservative Movement/The Reagan Era - George H.W. Bush - Challenger Explosion - Reagan/Ending of the Cold War/Iran - Foreign Policy of the 90s - Clinton’s presidency/Scandal - Operation Desert Storm - 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center - Rise of technology
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analysis of primary and secondary sources. - Class discussions - Writing to learn activities during lectures. - Guided textbook readings - Discussion of pros and cons of NAFTA - Impact of FMLA - Discussion of foreign policy events leading to 9/11 		
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5. America in the Twenty-First Century

3 weeks

Enduring Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A revolution in technology continues to transform American business, industry, health, science, and lifestyles. - Globalization has changed the national economy and tied America more closely to the world - The attacks of September 11, 2001 shaped domestic security and foreign policy in the early 2000s - The U.S. faces challenges and opportunities in the 21st century 		
Enduring Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the benefits and costs of technology? - What is the role of government in combatting terrorism? - What is the role of government in ensuring social and economic equality? - What is America's role in the world? 		
Primary Source Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Patriot Act - GW Bush 9/11 Speech - Obama's 1st Inaugural - 9/11 Memorial Museum online - PBS Frontline: Inside Obama's Presidency 	Key Topics and Ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - America and the World Economy/Free trade - Technological innovations - George W. Bush Presidency - 9/11 and War on Terror: Afghanistan and Iraq - Barack Obama Presidency - Immigration/Demographic changes - Benghazi - Crash of 2008
Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9/11 Project - Analysis of primary and secondary sources - Current events discussions - Modern History Top 5 of Lifetime - Guided Textbook Readings - Class discussion - Writing to learn activities during lectures. 		
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BUFFER and Finals Prep			2 weeks