

# UNIT 1: MARITIME HISTORY – SEA POWER AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s):  
Time Period: **September**  
Length: **5 blocks**  
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## Enduring Understandings

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Demonstrate an understanding of how sea power strongly impacts our nation’s political, economic and military well-being

Demonstrate an understanding of the international law as it applies to countries using the sea.

## Essential Questions

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1. Define the importance of sea power as it relates to America
2. Describe four major developments since World War II that have increased the importance of the oceans of the world
3. Describe the strategic ocean areas
4. Describe the mobility of sea power
5. Describe the purpose and function of the United States Merchant Marine and the relationship between maritime commerce and the economy of the United States
6. Explain the importance of oceanography to the United States
7. Describe the vital role oceans will play in the future of humankind

## Content

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- 1 The Importance of Sea Power NS3-M1U1C1S1 – The Importance of Sea Power
- 2 The U.S Merchant Marine NS3-M1U1C2S1 – History of the Merchant Marine  
NS3-M1U1C2S2 – Merchant Marine and National Defense
- 3 Grand Strategy NS3-M1U1C3S1 – Grand Strategy
- 4 U.S. Strategy and the Navy NS3-M1U1C4S1 – U.S. Strategy and the Navy
- 5 National Security and Modern Conflict  
NS3-M1U1C5S1 – Threat Evaluation  
NS3-M1U1C5S2 – Modern Forms of Armed Conflict

## Skills

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Demonstrate an understanding of the international law as it applies to countries using the sea.

## **Resources**

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<http://www.njrotc.navy.mil/curriculum.html>

Naval Science III, Naval Knowledge and Skills for The NJROTC Student

## **Standards**

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Reading: Informational Text

RI.11-12.7. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats ...

Writing

W.11-12.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine and convey complex ideas, concepts, and information clearly and accurately ...

W.11-12.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

W.11-12.9. Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.

Speaking & Listening

SL.11-12.1. Initiate and participate effectively in a range of collaborative discussions...

SL.11-12.2. Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media in order to make informed decisions and solve problems...

SL.11-12.6. Adapt speech to a variety of contexts and tasks...

Language

L.11-12.2. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

L.11-12.4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words and phrases...

L.11-12.6. Acquire and use accurately general academic and domain-specific words and phrases...

College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) – Frameworks for Social Studies State Standards\*\*

Dimension 2. Civics and Political Institutions

D2.Civ.3.9-12. Analyze the impact of constitutions, laws, treaties, and international agreements on the maintenance of national and international order.

## Dimension 2. Economic Decision Making

D2.Eco.15.9-12. Explain how current globalization trends and policies affect economic growth, labor markets, rights of citizens, the environment, and resource and income distribution in different nations.

## Dimension 2. Geography

D2.Geo.4.9-12. Analyze relationships and interactions within and between human and physical systems to explain reciprocal influences that occur among them.

D2.Geo.11.9-12. Evaluate how economic globalization and the expanding use of scarce resources contribute to conflict and cooperation within and among countries.

D2.Geo.12.9-12. Evaluate the consequences of human-made and natural catastrophes on global trade, politics, and human migration.

## Dimension 4. Communicating Conclusions and Taking Action

D4.2.9-12. Construct explanations using sound reasoning, correct sequence, examples, and details with significant and pertinent information and data...

D4.6.9-12. Use disciplinary and interdisciplinary lenses to understand the characteristics and causes of local, regional, and global problems...