

# Unit 5: Modern America 1990-Present Day

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Unit 5: Modern America 1990-Present Day

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## **Unit Overview**

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Unit 5 will describe the turbulence in the US between the people and the government around the various movements against the Vietnam War, the Civil Rights Movement and the Women's Movement. This turbulence created a permanent change in the government's relationship and its people in sharp contrast to the relationship in the 1950s. This unit begins with the election in November 1960 was the closest since 1884. Kennedy won by fewer than 119,000 votes. His inauguration set the tone for a new era at the White House: one of grace, elegance, and wit. On the podium sat over 100 writers, artists, and scientists that the Kennedys had invited. Included was opera singer Marian Anderson, who had once been barred from singing at Constitution Hall because she was African American. Kennedy's inspiring speech called for hope, commitment, and sacrifice. "And so, my fellow Americans," he proclaimed, "ask not what your country can do for you ask what you can do for your country." this unit ends with Nixon and Watergate.

## **Enduring Understanding**

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1. Brown v. Board of Education fundamentally altered American life and Law, particularly for African-Americans.

2. Several important civil rights leaders stepped up to the plate in the 1950s and 1960s to lead the movement.
3. Martin Luther King, Jr. was the most significant civil rights leader of the era, along with his beliefs in non-violence.
4. Despite many protests the Civil Rights movement was not immediately successful in achieving its goals.
5. The nature of segregation changed from the Civil Rights Movement from racial to economic.
6. Many people of all races risked their lives and fortunes to change American law that they saw as unfair.
7. President Kennedy believed in continuing containment of the USSR and used this policy in various crises in the early 1960s.
8. JFK made it a priority to fund scientific endeavors and education in the US.
9. The death of President Kennedy fundamentally changed the US.
10. Lyndon Johnson continued and enhanced many of his predecessors programs and beliefs.

## **Essential Questions**

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1. How does the decision in Brown vs. Board of Education fundamentally change American society for people of all races?
2. Which civil rights leaders of the era were most effective in carrying their message.
3. Why was MLK Jr. so effective in his leadership and message?
4. How did the Civil Rights Movement overcome various setbacks (Selma) to eventually triumph?
5. What is the response in the South to the change in law concerning civil rights and segregation?
6. Why would white people care so deeply about civil rights? What did they do to help the cause?
7. How would JFK's problems in Cuba and Berlin be examples of both Containment and Brinkmanship?
8. What did President Kennedy do to get the US to win the space race?
9. Why is it said America lost its "innocence" on 11-22-63?
10. How and why was the Democratic Party active in civil rights in the early 1960s?

## **Exit Skills**

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By the end of Unit 5.

1. Students should be able to apply domain-specific vocabulary in their verbal and written responses, essays and papers.
2. Students should be able to choose a side to a query and provide logical argument for their choice.
3. Students should be able to deductively use new information and logically apply this evidence to a related problem.
4. Students should be able to inductively gather information and deduce a theory based on their findings.
5. Students should be able to gather information in meaningful clusters and apply their findings to specific

problems.

Write an persuasive essay that answers this question:

How are significant and lasting social changes created?

1. Your essay should include key people, events, and turning points of the 1960s and 1970s.
  2. Cite evidence to support your position.
  3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.
6. Students will be able to articulate how equality and Anti-racism needs to be brought to the forefront.

## **New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSL-S)**

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SOC.6.1.12.GeoPP.2.a	Analyze how the United States has attempted to account for regional differences while also striving to create an American identity.
SOC.6.1.12.HistoryCC.2.a	Create a timeline that relates events in Europe to the development of American trade and American foreign and domestic policies.
SOC.6.1.11	The Great Depression and World War II: World War II (1929–1945)
SOC.6.1.12.CivicsDP.11.a	Use a variety of sources to determine if American policies towards the Japanese during WWII were a denial of civil rights.

SOC.6.1.14	Contemporary United States: Domestic Policies (1970–Today)
SOC.6.1.12.GeoNE.14.b	Use financial and economic data to determine the causes of the financial collapse of 2008 and evaluate the effectiveness of the government’s attempts to alleviate the hardships brought on by the Great Recession.
SOC.6.3.12.HistoryCA.12	Analyze a current foreign policy issue by considering current and historical perspectives, examining strategies, and presenting possible actions.

## Interdisciplinary Connections

**Witness for the Prosecution**—High school students take on the role of investigative journalist and read the play *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie. After each act of the play, students write news stories using facts from the play.

[www.teachnet-lab.org/fklane/pmaslow/witness.htm](http://www.teachnet-lab.org/fklane/pmaslow/witness.htm)

0x <sup>LA.11-12.SL.11-12.2</sup>	Integrate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) in order to make informed decisions and solve problems, evaluating the credibility and accuracy of each source and noting any discrepancies among the data.
0xLA.RI.11-12.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferentially, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
0xLA.RI.11-12.7	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in different media or formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively) as well as in words in order to address a question or solve a problem.
0xLA.RL.11-12.1	Cite strong and thorough textual evidence and make relevant connections to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.
0xLA.SL.11-12.1.A	Come to discussions prepared, having read and researched material under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence from texts and other research on the topic or issue to stimulate a thoughtful, well reasoned exchange of ideas.
0xLA.SL.11-12.1.B	Collaborate with peers to promote civil, democratic discussions and decision-making, set clear goals and assessments (e.g., student developed rubrics), and establish individual roles as needed.
0xLA.SL.11-12.4	Present information, findings and supporting evidence clearly, concisely, and logically. The content, organization, development, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.
0xLA.W.11-12.1	Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.
0xLA.W.11-12.8	Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding plagiarism and overreliance on any one source and following a standard format for citation. (MLA or APA Style Manuals).
0xMA.9-12.S-CP	Conditional Probability and the Rules of Probability

- 0xMA.9-12.S-IC.B Make inferences and justify conclusions from sample surveys, experiments, and observational studies
- 0xMA.9-12.S-ID Interpreting Categorical and Quantitative Data
- 0xMA.9-12.S-ID.A Summarize, represent, and interpret data on a single count or measurement variable
- 0xTECH.8.1.12 All students will use digital tools to access, manage, evaluate, and synthesize information in order to solve problems individually and collaborate and to create and communicate knowledge.
- 0xTECH.8.1.12.A.4 Construct a spreadsheet workbook with multiple worksheets, rename tabs to reflect the data on the worksheet, and use mathematical or logical functions, charts and data from all worksheets to convey the results.
- 0xTECH.8.1.12.E Students apply digital tools to gather, evaluate, and use information. Students use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research,
- 0xTECH.8.1.12.F manage projects, solve problems, and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.
- 0xTECH.8.2.12.C The design process is a systematic approach to solving problems.

## Learning Objectives

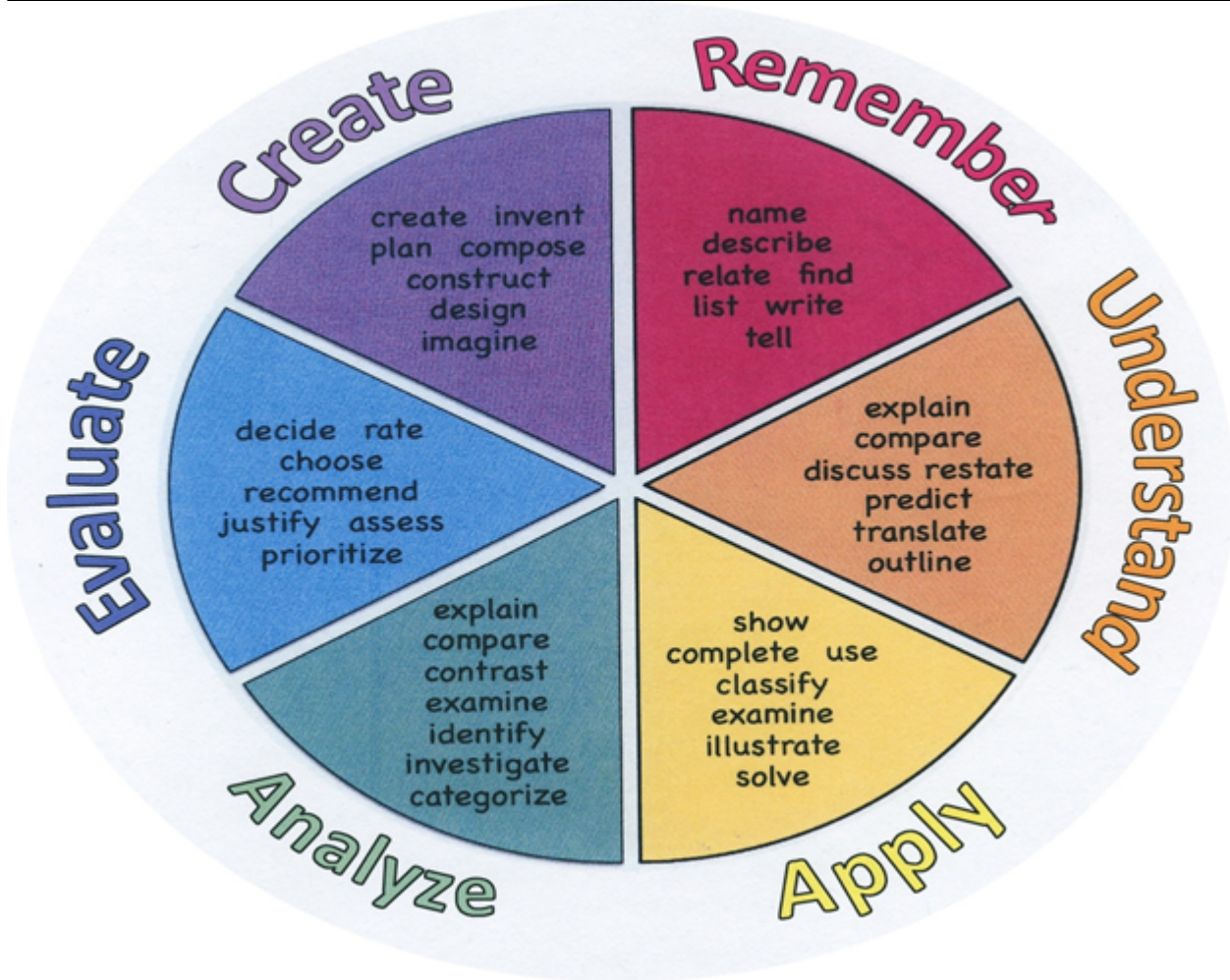
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1. Describe major events of the "Cold War" during the Kennedy years.
2. Discuss the factors of the 1960s and determine how Kennedy might have beaten Nixon in the presidential election.
3. Identify major programs of the Great Society.
4. Evaluate progress made by African Americans between the end of WWII and the mid sixties.
5. Explain the importance of the Supreme Court decision in Brown v. Board of Education.
6. Analyze the impact of United States support for the policies and actions of international organizations created to address economic, health, societal, and security goals.
7. Synthesize information from primary and secondary sources to evaluate the effectiveness of United States efforts (e.g., aid, military intervention, trade policy, diplomacy) in supporting the economic and democratic growth of developing nations.
8. Conduct research to determine the effectiveness of the United States in pursuing national interests (e.g., securing shipping lanes, resources, military bases, suppressing foreign threats) while also attempting to address global problems (e.g., human rights abuses, regional instability, scarcity, economic stagnancy) during this time period.
9. Compare the perspectives of other nations and those from the United States regarding United States foreign policy towards Latin America, Middle East, and Asia during the presidential administrations of this time period.

**Action Verbs:** Below are examples of action verbs associated with each level of the Revised Bloom's Taxonomy.

Remember	Understand	Apply	Analyze	Evaluate	Create
Choose	Classify	Choose	Categorize	Appraise	Combine
Describe	Defend	Dramatize	Classify	Judge	Compose
Define	Demonstrate	Explain	Compare	Criticize	Construct
Label	Distinguish	Generalize	Differentiate	Defend	Design
List	Explain	Judge	Distinguish	Compare	Develop
Locate	Express	Organize	Identify	Assess	Formulate
Match	Extend	Paint	Infer	Conclude	Hypothesize
Memorize	Give Examples	Prepare	Point out	Contrast	Invent

Name	Illustrate	Produce	Select	Critique	Make
Omit	Indicate	Select	Subdivide	Determine	Originate
Recite	Interrelate	Show	Survey	Grade	Organize
Select	Interpret	Sketch	Arrange	Justify	Plan
State	Infer	Solve	Breakdown	Measure	Produce
Count	Match	Use	Combine	Rank	Role Play
Draw	Paraphrase	Add	Detect	Rate	Drive
Outline	Represent	Calculate	Diagram	Support	Devise
Point	Restate	Change	Discriminate	Test	Generate
Quote	Rewrite	Classify	Illustrate		Integrate
Recall	Select	Complete	Outline		Prescribe
Recognize	Show	Compute	Point out		Propose
Repeat	Summarize	Discover	Separate		Reconstruct
Reproduce	Tell	Divide			Revise
	Translate	Examine			Rewrite
	Associate	Graph			Transform
	Compute	Interpolate			
	Convert	Manipulate			
	Discuss	Modify			
	Estimate	Operate			
	Extrapolate	Subtract			
	Generalize				
	Predict				



## **Suggested Activities & Best Practices**

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What Do Best Practices Look Like? Classrooms that exemplify best practices are easy to detect as soon as you enter the room. • Project materials and books are numerous. • Students are engaged and focused on their work. • Teachers often use collaborative and/or authentic tasks that place students at the center of the learning process. • Seating arrangements are clustered, varied and functional with multi instructional areas. • Classrooms are activity-based spaces as opposed to places to “sit and get” lectures. • Teachers are actively engaged with different groups and students are anxious to enlist visitors in their various tasks or assignments. • There is a joyful feeling of purposeful movement, industrious thinking and a vital and vibrant atmosphere and environment.

- Student's research and report on which programs was Johnson most crucial in passing from the Kennedy agenda.
- What was the cause and effect of LBJ significantly increase America's presence in Vietnam?
- Was the Great Society a success?
  
- How are significant and lasting social changes created?
- Write a persuasive essay in response to the essential question. Your essay should include key people, events, and turning points of the 1960s and 1970s. Be sure to cite evidence to support your position and organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.
- Research Civil Rights Era Role of LGBTQ in the Civil Rights Movement (important people to touch upon) • James Baldwin • Lorraine Hansberry • Bayard Rustin (1963 March on Washington organizer and trusted colleague of MLK) • Pauli Murray

## **Assessment Evidence - Checking for Understanding (CFU)**

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• Exit Tickets-formative assessment
• Admit Tickets
• Common benchmarks
• Evaluation rubrics
• Self- assessments

• Unit tests-summative assessment
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• Quizzes
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\* Illustration-alternate assessment

- Admit Tickets
- Anticipation Guide
- Common Benchmarks
- Compare & Contrast
- Create a Multimedia Poster
- DBQ's
- Describe
- Evaluate
- Evaluation rubrics
- Exit Tickets
- Explaining
- Fist- to-Five or Thumb-Ometer
- Illustration
- Journals
- Learning Center Activities
- Multimedia Reports
- Newspaper Headline
- Outline
- Question Stems
- Quickwrite
- Quizzes
- Red Light, Green Light
- Self- assessments
- Socratic Seminar
- Study Guide
- Surveys
- Teacher Observation Checklist
- Think, Pair, Share
- Think, Write, Pair, Share
- Top 10 List
- Unit review/Test prep

- Unit tests
- Web-Based Assessments
- Written Reports

## **Primary Resources & Materials**

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**Text:** American History (2018) HMH Social Studies

**Website:** The History channel, PBS, United streaming and Channel One News

[http://www.findingdulcinea.com/guides/Education/US-History/Civil-Rights-Movement.pg\\_01.html](http://www.findingdulcinea.com/guides/Education/US-History/Civil-Rights-Movement.pg_01.html)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/civil-rights/set.html>

## **Ancillary Resources**

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<https://www.jfklibrary.org/JFK/JFK-in-History/November-22-1963-Death-of-the-President.aspx>

<http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/cuban-missile-crisis>

## **Technology Infusion**

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What **Technology Infusion** and/or strategies are integrated into this unit to enhance learning? Please list all hardware, software and strategies. Please find a technology pedagogy wheel for assistance while completing this section.

- Make an interactive website
- Use of Google Chrome Books
- Google Classroom to communicate information to the students
- Various Online tools
- Online Databases from BHS Media Center
- Use of Flipgrid when utilizing student presentations

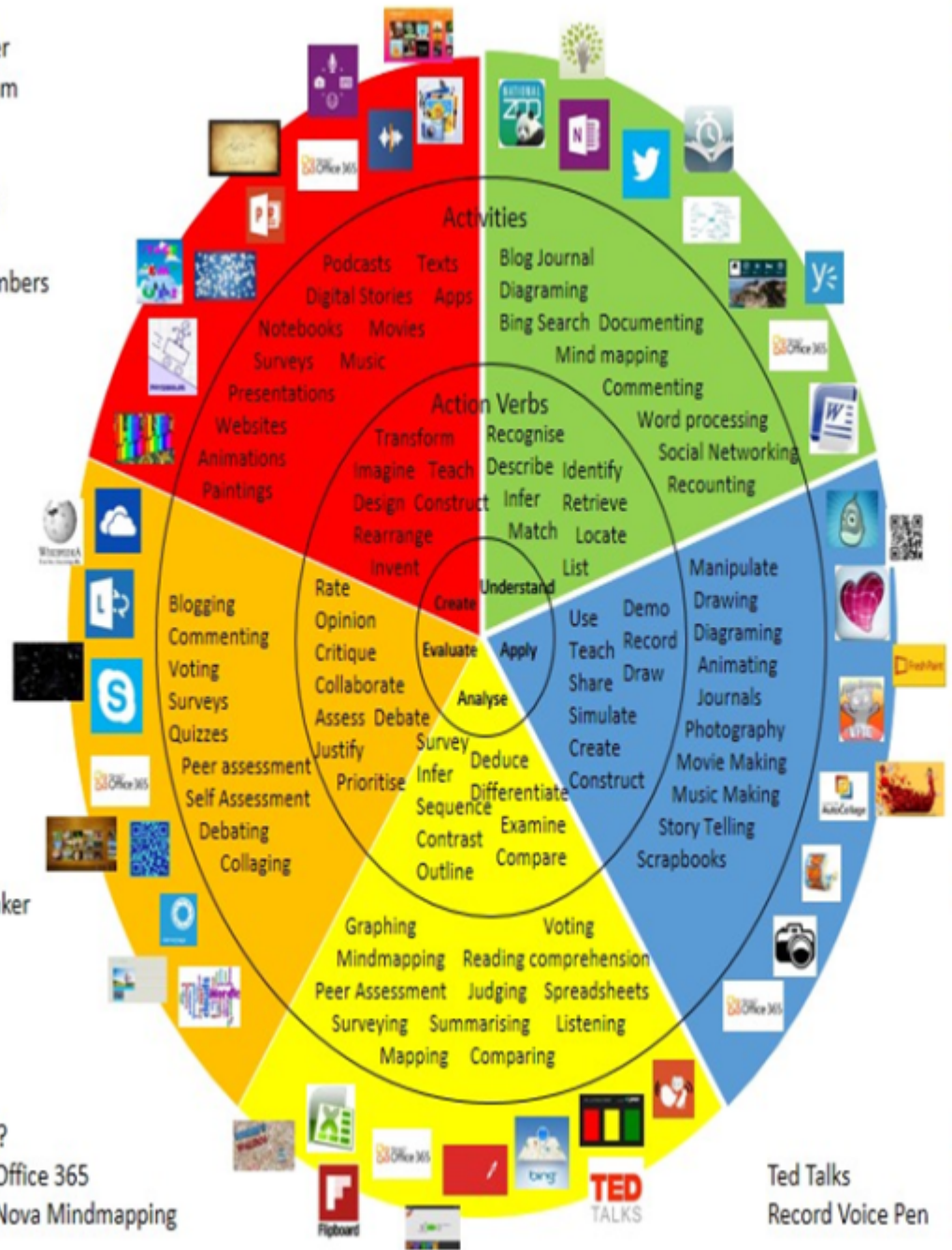
# Win 8.1 Apps/Tools Pedagogy Wheel

Podcasts  
 Photostory 3  
 Kid Story Builder  
 Music Maker Jam  
 Paint A Story  
 Office 365  
 MS PowerPoint  
 Stack 'Em Up  
 NqSquared Numbers  
 Physamajig  
 Xylophone 8

Wikipedia  
 Skydrive  
 Lync  
 SkyMap  
 Skype  
 Office 365  
 Puzzle Touch  
 Easy QR  
 Memorylage  
 Life Moments  
 Word Cloud Maker

Where's Waldo?  
 MS Excel      Office 365  
 Flipboard      Nova Mindmapping

Ted Talks  
 Record Voice Pen



Originally taken from <http://www.coetail.com/vzimmer/files/2013/02/iPadagogy-Wheel.001.jpg>  
 And adapted for Windows 8.1 devices by Charlotte Beckhurst @CharBeckhurst

## **Alignment to 21st Century Skills & Technology**

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Mastery of key subjects and 21st century themes is essential for all students in the 21st century.

Key subjects include:

- English, reading or language arts
- World languages
- Arts
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Science
- Geography
- History
- Government and Civics

PFL.9.1.12.A	Income and Careers
PFL.9.1.12.A.1	Differentiate among the types of taxes and employee benefits.
PFL.9.1.12.E	Becoming a Critical Consumer
PFL.9.1.12.E.1	Evaluate the appropriateness of different types of monetary transactions (e.g., electronic transfer, check, certified check, money order, gift card, barter) for various situations.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.8	Assess the impact of litigation and court decisions on employment laws and practices.
CAEP.9.2.12.C.9	Analyze the correlation between personal and financial behavior and employability.

## **21st Century Skills/Interdisciplinary Themes**

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- World languages
- Arts
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Science
- Geography
- History

- Government and Civics
- Communication and Collaboration
- Creativity and Innovation
- Critical thinking and Problem Solving
- ICT (Information, Communications and Technology) Literacy
- Information Literacy
- Life and Career Skills
- Media Literacy

## **21st Century Skills**

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Upon completion of this section, please remove all remaining descriptions, notes, outlines, examples and/or illustrations that are not needed or used.

Please list only the **21st Century Skills** that will be incorporated into this unit.

- Civic Literacy
- Environmental Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Global Awareness
- Health Literacy

## **Differentiation**

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### **1. Content**

- Match vocabulary words to definitions.
- Read a passage of text and answer related questions.
- Think of a situation that happened to a character in the story and a different outcome.
- Differentiate fact from opinion in the story.
- Identify an author's position and provide evidence to support this viewpoint.
- Create a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the lesson.

### **2. Process**

- Provide textbooks for visual and word learners.
- Allow auditory learners to listen to audio books.
- Give kinesthetic learners the opportunity to complete an interactive assignment on-line.

### 3. Product

- Read and write learners write a book report.
- Visual learners create a graphic organizer of the story.
- Auditory learners give an oral report.
- Kinesthetic learners build a diorama illustrating the story.

### 4. Learning environment

- Break some students into reading groups to discuss the assignment.
- Allow students to read individually if preferred.
- Create quiet spaces where there are no distractions.

#### Differentiations:

- Small group instruction
- Small group assignments
- Extra time to complete assignments
- Pairing oral instruction with visuals
- Repeat directions
- Use manipulatives
- Center-based instruction
- Token economy
- Study guides
- Teacher reads assessments allowed
- Scheduled breaks
- Rephrase written directions
- Multisensory approaches
- Additional time
- Preview vocabulary
- Preview content & concepts
- Story guides
- Behavior management plan
- Highlight text
- Student(s) work with assigned partner
- Visual presentation
- Assistive technology
- Auditory presentations
- Large print edition
- Dictation to scribe
- Small group setting

#### Hi-Prep Differentiations:

- Alternative formative and summative assessments
- Choice boards
- Games and tournaments

- Group investigations
- Guided Reading
- Independent research and projects
- Interest groups
- Learning contracts
- Leveled rubrics
- Literature circles
- Multiple intelligence options
- Multiple texts
- Personal agendas
- Project-based learning
- Problem-based learning
- Stations/centers
- Think-Tac-Toes
- Tiered activities/assignments
- Tiered products
- Varying organizers for instructions

#### **Lo-Prep Differentiations**

- Choice of books or activities
- Cubing activities
- Exploration by interest
- Flexible grouping
- Goal setting with students
- Jigsaw
- Mini workshops to re-teach or extend skills
- Open-ended activities
- Think-Pair-Share
- Reading buddies
- Varied journal prompts
- Varied supplemental materials

## **Special Education Learning (IEP's & 504's)**

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Please identify the **Special Education Learning** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- printed copy of board work/notes provided
- additional time for skill mastery
- assistive technology
- behavior management plan

- Center-Based Instruction
- check work frequently for understanding
- computer or electronic device utilizes
- extended time on tests/ quizzes
- have student repeat directions to check for understanding
- highlighted text visual presentation
- modified assignment format
- modified test content
- modified test format
- modified test length
- multi-sensory presentation
- multiple test sessions
- preferential seating
- preview of content, concepts, and vocabulary
- Provide modifications as dictated in the student's IEP/504 plan
- reduced/shortened reading assignments
- Reduced/shortened written assignments
- secure attention before giving instruction/directions
- shortened assignments
- student working with an assigned partner
- teacher initiated weekly assignment sheet
- Use open book, study guides, test prototypes

## **English Language Learning (ELL)**

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Please identify the **English Language Learning** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning;
- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides

- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using computer word processing spell check and grammar check features
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests

## **At Risk**

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Please identify Intervention Strategies that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- allowing students to correct errors (looking for understanding)
- teaching key aspects of a topic. Eliminate nonessential information
- allowing products (projects, timelines, demonstrations, models, drawings, dioramas, poster boards, charts, graphs, slide shows, videos, etc.) to demonstrate student's learning
- allowing students to select from given choices
- allowing the use of note cards or open-book during testing
- collaborating (general education teacher and specialist) to modify vocabulary, omit or modify items to reflect objectives for the student, eliminate sections of the test, and determine how the grade will be determined prior to giving the test.
- decreasing the amount of work presented or required
- having peers take notes or providing a copy of the teacher's notes
- marking students' correct and acceptable work, not the mistakes
- modifying tests to reflect selected objectives
- providing study guides
- reducing or omitting lengthy outside reading assignments
- reducing the number of answer choices on a multiple choice test
- tutoring by peers
- using authentic assessments with real-life problem-solving
- using true/false, matching, or fill in the blank tests in lieu of essay tests
- using videos, illustrations, pictures, and drawings to explain or clarify

## **Talented and Gifted Learning (T&G)**

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Please identify the **Talented and Gifted** adaptations that will be employed in the unit, using the ones identified below.

- Above grade level placement option for qualified students
- Advanced problem-solving
- Allow students to work at a faster pace
- Cluster grouping

- Complete activities aligned with above grade level text using Benchmark results
- Create a blog or social media page about their unit
- Create a plan to solve an issue presented in the class or in a text
- Debate issues with research to support arguments
- Flexible skill grouping within a class or across grade level for rigor
- Higher order, critical & creative thinking skills, and discovery
- Multi-disciplinary unit and/or project
- Teacher-selected instructional strategies that are focused to provide challenge, engagement, and growth opportunities
- Utilize exploratory connections to higher-grade concepts
- Utilize project-based learning for greater depth of knowledge

## **Sample Lesson**

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Unit Name: the New Millennium

Interdisciplinary Connection: ENGLISH

Statement of Objective: SWDAT UNDERSTAND AND ANALYZE THE HOW THE 14TH AMENDMENT AND BLACK CODEES WERE RELATED, HOW CONGRESSIONAL RECONSTRUCTION DIFFERED FROM THE PRESIDENT'S AND THE IMPACT OF THE 15TH AMENDMENT.

Anticipatory Set/Do Now: DO NOW Q'S

Learning Activity: DN, NOTES, DISCUSSION, REVIEW

Student Assessment/CFU's: FOLLOW UP Q'S

Materials: TEXT, MS WORD AND PPT

Integration of Technology: LAPTOP, MS WORD, POWERPOINT, INTERNET RESEARCH, LCD PROJECTOR

21st Century Themes and Skills: CRITICAL THINKING, COMPARE AND CONTRAST THEMES

Differentiation: SMALL GROUP