

# Unit 09: US II - Truman/Eisenhower

Content Area: **Social Studies**  
Course(s): **US History 2**  
Time Period: **Semester 2**  
Length: **3 weeks**  
Status: **Published**

## Unit Introduction

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## Standards

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SOC.6.1.12.8	Postwar United States (1945 to early 1970s)
SOC.6.1.12.B.12.a	Evaluate the effectiveness of the Marshall Plan and regional alliances in the rebuilding of European nations in the post World War II period.
SOC.6.1.12.D.12.b	Analyze efforts to eliminate communism, such as McCarthyism, and their impact on individual civil liberties.
SOC.6.1.12.CS12	Postwar United States: Cold War: Cold War tensions between the United States and communist countries resulted in conflict that influenced domestic and foreign policy for over forty years.
SOC.6.1.12.CS13	Postwar United States: Civil Rights and Social Change: The Civil Rights movement marked a period of social turmoil and political reform, resulting in the expansion of rights and opportunities for individuals and groups previously discriminated against.

## L.A. Standards For History, Soc. St., Science & Technical Subjects

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LA.RH.11-12.1	Accurately cite strong and thorough textual evidence, (e.g., via discussion, written response, etc.), to support analysis of primary and secondary sources, connecting insights gained from specific details to develop an understanding of the text as a whole.
LA.RH.11-12.2	Determine the theme, central ideas, information and/or perspective(s) presented in a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of how key events, ideas and/or author's perspective(s) develop over the course of the text.
LA.RH.11-12.3	Evaluate various perspectives for actions or events; determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain.
LA.RH.11-12.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including analyzing how an author uses and refines the meaning of a key term over the course of a text (e.g., how Madison defines faction in Federalist No. 10).
LA.RH.11-12.5	Analyze in detail how a complex primary source is structured, including how key sentences, paragraphs, and larger portions of the text contribute to the whole.
LA.RH.11-12.6	Evaluate authors' differing perspectives on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors' claims, reasoning, and evidence.
LA.RH.11-12.7	Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, qualitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.

LA.RH.11-12.8	Evaluate an author's claims, reasoning, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other sources.
LA.RH.11-12.9	Integrate information from diverse sources, both primary and secondary, into a coherent understanding of an idea or event, noting discrepancies among sources.
LA.RH.11-12.10	By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 11-CCR text complexity band independently and proficiently.

## **Essential Questions**

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How does the Fair Deal compare to the New Deal?

How does Dynamic Conservatism with the Fair Deal?

Why were civil rights controversial in the Democratic platform of 1948?

What were the legislative achievements of the Fair Deal?

What were the legislative achievements of the Eisenhower administration?

## **Goals/Objectives**

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- Analyze historical events relative to the modern world
- Analyze social, political, and cultural change
- Apply problem-solving to develop solutions
- Evaluate communication of information for soundness of evidence and potential bias
- Evaluate concepts and themes through historical periods
- Examine source data to test credibility and evaluate bias
- Formulate questions from multiple perspectives, using multiple sources
- Reconcile primary and secondary source information

## **Content**

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United States History Accelerated Textbook: America Pathways to the Present

Legislative goals of the Fair Deal

Legislative goals of Dynamic Conservatism

Specific initiatives undertaken by Truman in pursuit of social justice

The issues and outcomes of presidential elections from 1948-1956

Life in America during the 1950's stressing social and cultural dynamics

## **Skills**

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- Analyze charts, tables, and political cartoons
- Compare and contrast
- Critical thinking
- Data Analysis
- Distinguish facts from opinions
- Identify main ideas and details
- Media literacy
- Reading for content mastery
- Supporting positions
- Understand political, economic, and physical maps