

Unit 13: US II - Nixon/Ford/Carter

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

Unit Introduction

Standards

SOC.6.1.12	U.S. History: America in the World: All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.
SOC.6.1.12.9	Contemporary United States (1970-Today)
SOC.6.1.12.A.14.a	Evaluate the effectiveness of the checks and balances system in preventing one branch of national government from usurping too much power during contemporary times.
SOC.6.1.12.A.14.d	Analyze the conflicting ideologies and actions of political parties regarding spending priorities, the role of government in the economy, and social reforms.
SOC.6.1.12.C.15.a	Relate the role of America's dependence on foreign oil to its economy and foreign policy.
SOC.6.1.12.D.13.f	Relate the changing role of women in the labor force to changes in family structure.

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

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

What place does Richard Nixon hold in American Presidential History?

What were the causes of the social, political, and economic upheaval of the 1970's?

What solutions may exist for the economic problem of stagflation?

What were the successes and failures of the Civil Rights movement in the post-Vietnam era?

What was the value and impact of President Carter's "*malaise*" assessment of American society?

Goals/Objectives

- 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

United States History Accelerated Textbook: America Pathways to the Present

Identify and explain domestic initiatives of the Nixon and Ford administrations

Describe the Watergate scandal and its impact in American history

Identify and explain the domestic initiatives of the Carter administration

Discuss the petrodollar as a significant influence in the American economy during the 1970's

Describe important social and cultural developments of the 1970's

Skills

- 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