(Unit 1 Emergence of Modern America (1890-1930))

TOPIC/SELECTION	TIME	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS	NJSLS
Theme A: Imperialism	3 weeks				
"America Looks Abroad"	4 days	Investigate how and why the U.S. emerged from Isolationism. Evaluate and justify reasons for supporting and opposing imperialism Assess the constitutional difficulties involved in colonization Discuss cause and effect of the U.S.'s early imperialist moves in the Pacific	 Write an essay defending either imperialism or isolationism using constitutional tenets as your support. Use this to debate the issue of imperialism in class Analyze and discuss primary source readings related to imperialism (Unit 5 resource book, Pgs 33-36) 	-Collect and grade written paragraphs defending one side of the imperialism debate -In class discussions/debates over imperialism graded with debate criteria-based rubric.	6.1.12.A.5.c 6.1.12.B.5.a
"Spanish American War"	2 days	Evaluate the events that led to the Spanish-American War.	List contributing factors which led the US into war with Spain - Use list to generate a class discussion on whether or not the war could have been avoided	In class discussions graded based on individual participation	6.1.12.A.5.c 6.1.12.B.5.a
"U.S. Becomes A World Power"	3 days	Decide why the Philippine Islands were the most difficult to govern. Compare and contrast the Philippines, Cuba, and Puerto Rico in the years following the Spanish American war, and today	Use computer to design a chart containing information on the status of Puerto Rico, Cuba and Philippines post Spanish American war, and today.	-Collect and grade charts	6.1.12.A.5.c 6.1.12.B.5.a 6.1.12.C.5. b,c 6.1.12.D.5.b,

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"Politics Of Imperialism"	2 days	Evaluate the goals and results of the "Open Door" Policy in China. Assess cause and effect, as well as justification for, the Boxer Rebellion.	•	Students will debate 2 issues on the US policies with China. 1) Was the Open Door policy hypocritical considering our economic arguments against Great Britain during the 1700's? 2) Were the Boxers violent extremists, or patriotic rebels?	Grade individual participation in debate using a debate rubric	6.1.12.A.6.a,b,c 6.1.12.D.6.c
"Theodore Roosevelt And Foreign Affairs"	2 days	Assess the effectiveness of Roosevelt's "Big Stick" diplomacy. Analyze American concerns over the Russo-Japanese War	•	Analyze the political cartoon and answer the related questions on pgs 39 and 40 of the Unit 5 resource guide Take a position and write an	Collect and grade worksheets Collect and grade	6.1.12.A.6.a,b,c 6.1.12.D.6.c
	İ	Evaluate Roosevelt's role in the creation of the Panama Canal		essay on the following: Did Teddy Roosevelt's foreign policies make America more powerful, or more vulnerable	essays using a rubric	
"The Foreign Policies of Wilson and Taft"	2 days	Compare and contrast Taft's dollar Diplomacy and Wilson's Moral Diplomacy to Roosevelt's "Big Stick" policy	•	Create a chart detailing the major ideas behind each president's policy, areas of the world where each was used, and their successes and failures	Collect and grade charts	6.1.12.A.6.a,b,c 6.1.12.D.6.c
	l		•	Discuss which of the ideas student's believe would be a more effective policy, and why.	Assess individual participation with a rubric	
Thematic Assessments			•	Written quizzes and/or Chapter test Create a newsmagazine detailing the various aspects of US imperialism	Grade tests Collect and grade magazine	
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Theme B The Progressive Era	3 weeks				
"Sources Of Progressivism"	3 days	Evaluate the role of the Muckrakers in promoting social change. Analyze how Progressive methods used in business,	Read excerpts from 5 muckrakers, and jigsaw to share the themes/techniques used by each author. Record them in a graphic organizer	Monitor jigsaw activity, collect and grade graphic organizers	6.1.12.A.6.a,b,c 6.1.12.D.6.c
		government, and education influenced social reform	 Select the 3 reforms discussed in 15-1 that you feel most impact your life today, and write a paragraph on how your life would be different if each reform had never been passed. 	-Use student's paragraphs to generate class discussions	
"Roosevelt's Progressive Domestic Programs"	4 days	Analyze why Roosevelt was labeled a "trust buster". Discuss the causes and	 Make a T-chart describing the positive and negative aspects of trusts 	-Use T-charts to generate class discussions	6.1.12.B.6.a 6.1.12.D.6.b
		effects of Roosevelt's consumer protection reforms Evaluate Roosevelt's role s a conservationist.	Write an essay on the following topic: "Should the U.S. try to profit as much as possible from our natural resources even if it means potentially damaging the environment, or should the US protect land and natural resources even if it means losing money or relying on other nations for our resources?"	- Collect and grade essays	
"The Taft Presidency"	2 days	Investigate the reasons for the Taft and Roosevelt split. Evaluate Taft's role as president	 Complete a graphic organizer on the successes and failures of Taft's presidency 	-Assess knowledge through discussion of the chart	6.1.12.B.6.a 6.1.12.D.6.b

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"The Election Of 1912"	2 days	Analyze how Wilson's victory in 1912 was due to a split in the Republican Party.	•	Create a chart comparing the philosophies of the new nationalism and new freedom.	- Collect and grade chart	6.1.12.B.6.a 6.1.12.D.6.b
"President Wilson's Progressivism"	2 days	Evaluate the Progressive Domestic Program of Wilson.	•	Students will be placed into groups and assigned a Wilson reform to research and present to the class. Presentations should include the short and long-term impact of the reforms, and whether it was considered a success or a failure	Grade presentation using a presentation rubric	6.1.12.B.6.a 6.1.12.D.6.b
"Limits of Progressivism"	2 days	Analyze the reasons for Progressive attitudes toward immigrants and racial minorities. Assess the impact the Progressives had on African Americans.	•	Debate the following point: "Obtaining civil rights was a more important goal for African Americans in 1900 than achieving a higher standard of living.	- Assess student participation in debate using debate-criteria based rubric	6.1.12.A.6.a,b,c 6.1.12.D.6.c
Thematic Assessments			•	Written quizzes and chapter test Create a "Presidential Report Card" for Roosevelt Taft and Wilson. Each stude will assign each president an overall grade as well as individual grades for each of the president (Chief of State, Chexecutive, Chief Legislator, Chief Diploma Commander in Chief, Chief of Party, Chief Guardian of the Economy). Students will	display presidential report cards	

then write an essay explaining their overa grade, and giving detailed explanations fo	
of their categorical grades	

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Theme C World War I	3 weeks					
"Prelude To War"	3 days	Assess the causes for World War I breaking out in Europe.	•	Complete a map of Europe identifying the Alliance and Entente countries.	-Map-based quiz	6.1.12.A.7.a,c 6.1.12.B.7.a 6.1.12.D.7.a,b
		Analyze why the United States had difficulty remaining neutral in World War I.	•	Work in groups to prepare a briefing on the countries of Europe at war for President Wilson.	- Present briefings to class. Class will critique whether or not the groups have provided sufficient information to the President	
"America Enters The War"	5 days	Evaluate the reasons for the United States entry into World War I	•	Write a newspaper editorial that urges U. S. entry into the war on continued neutrality.	- Collect and grade article	6.1.12.A.7.a,c 6.1.12.B.7.a 6.1.12.D.7.a,b
		Assess the impact of new weapons technology on the war Assess the role of the United States in bringing	•	Create a powerpoint presentation detailing the creation of one of the weapons of WWI, and present it to the class	-Grade class presentations with presentation rubric	
		victory to the Allies.	•	Debate the question: "The Unites States was responsible for bringing victory to the Allies.	- Assess student involvement in the debate using a debate-based grading rubric	

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					ASSESSMENTS	
"War On The Home Front"	4 days	Analyze the effectiveness of military, economic, and political mobilization.	•	Students will jigsaw to teach one another about the various mobilization organizations of WWI and complete a graphic organizer	- Monitor jigsaw and use graphic organizer for class discussions	6.1.12.A.7.a,c 6.1.12.B.7.a 6.1.12.D.7.a,b
		Decide if civil liberties would be suppressed during wartime.	•	Design a poster urging support for one area of the mobilization effort.	Collect and grade posters	
			•	Write a one-page essay entitled: "Individual Rights vs. National Security". Writer will take a stand on an individual's constitutional rights during wartime.	- Students will conduct a mock Supreme Court trial over the issues of their essay. Score individual participation using a presentation rubric.	
"After The War"	3 days	Analyze how the Treaty of Versailles led to World War II. Analyze the causes and	•	Design a chart listing the terms of the Treaty of Versailles and any problems that may occur with each term.	-Use for class discussion, collect and grade charts	6.1.12.A.7.b 6.1.12.C.7.b 6.1.12.D.7.b
		effects of labor and racial unrests in the post-war years	•	In groups, read about the various labor strikes, race riots, and the Red Scare. Students will present information on their assigned topics to the class	- Grade class presentations using a rubric	
Thematic Assessments			•	Written Quizzes and chapter Test Pre and/or post war map quiz Write an essay on the following: WWI is considered by many to be the first "modern war". In what ways was it different from previous wars, and how does it seem archaic by today's standards?	-collect and grade tests and essay	

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Theme D The Decade of Normalcy	2 weeks					
"The Harding and Coolidge Years"	4 days	Analyze the foreign and domestic policy initiatives of the Harding Administration. Discuss the political scandals of the Harding Administration	•	Analyze and discuss the political cartoon on pg 591 of the text, and create an original political cartoon on Harding's successes or failures	- Discuss cartoons, present student cartoons, collect and grade	6.1.12.D.12.d,e 6.1.12.A.13.a,c 6.1.12.B.13.a,b 6.1.12.C.13.c,d 6.1.12.D.13,c,d,f
		Compare and Contrast the presidencies of Harding and Coolidge	•	Write an essay comparing and contrasting the presidencies of Harding and Coolidge	-Collect and grade essays	
"A Growing Economy"	3 days	Analyze the effect business and new inventions had on the standard of living in the 1920's.	•	Choose 5 major inventions/advances from the 1920's. Assign groups a social group from the 20's (ie laborers, women, immigrants, African Americans, wealthy males, etc.), and have them discuss how each invention would impact the lives of those in their social group.	-Use group discussions to generate a class discussion	6.1.12.C.13.c,d 6.1.12.D.13,c,d,f
		Analyze the social and political division that existed in the United States in the 1920's.	•	Analyze primary sources/political cartoons on Nativism and Fundamentalism	- Use the cartoons to discuss the divisions in America in the 20's, and similar divisions in society today.	

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"The Roaring Twenties"	3 days	Analyze the reasons for the social changes in the 1920's and evaluate the results. Analyze the reasons for the mood of optimism that existed in America in the mid-1920's. Discuss cause and effect as it relates to the broadening of leisure time and activities in the 20's.	•	Create a "stations project" in which groups engage in student-centered activities related to the culture, literature, music, fashion, and leisure activities of the 1920's, and their short and long term impact on American society.	-Collect and grade all work from the stations project	6.1.12.C.13.c,d 6.1.12.D.13,c,d,f
Thematic Assessments			•	Written quizzes and tests Presidential Report Cards for Harding and Coolidge	- Collect and grade tests/quizzes -Collect, grade, and display report cards	

(Unit II – The Great Depression and World War II (1929-1945))

TIME	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS	NJSLS
2 Weeks				
4 days	Evaluate the factors that led to the Great Depression and decide if it could have been avoided.	Create a T-chart detailing the positive and negative consequences of the prosperity of the 20's	- Discuss lists aloud in class	6.1.12.A.9a 6.1.12.B.9a
	Assess the worldwide effects of the stock market crash.	Complete primary and secondary source worksheets on pages 73-76 of the Unit 6 Resource book	- Collect and grade worksheets	
	Great Depression on average American	Using internet sources, collect data on Depression era salaries and prices for goods and services. Create a 2 week budget for a fictional Depression-era family	similarities and differences as a class. Collect and grade budget	
2 day	Critique Hoover's attempts to resolve the Depression	Write a "slanted" editorial to encourage voters to re-elect Hoover.	- Share editorials with class. Collect and grade essays	6.1.12.A.9a 6.1.12.C.9
3 days	Discuss why the Depression ended an era. Evaluate rural poverty to urban poverty and decide which is worse.	 Create a collage about the Great Depression. Write a short essay defending a position on whether rural or urban 	- Grade and display collages - Use essays to generate a class debate, and grade	6.1.12.D.9.ab 6.1.12.B.9.a
	Weeks 4 days	Weeks 4 days Evaluate the factors that led to the Great Depression and decide if it could have been avoided. Assess the worldwide effects of the stock market crash. Examine the impact of the Great Depression on average American 2 day Critique Hoover's attempts to resolve the Depression 3 days Discuss why the Depression ended an era. Evaluate rural poverty to urban poverty and decide which is	Veeks Evaluate the factors that led to the Great Depression and decide if it could have been avoided.	2 Weeks Evaluate the factors that led to the Great Depression and decide if it could have been avoided.

Thematic Assessments			Written quizzes/tests Presidential report card on Hoover	-Collect and grade all work	
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Theme B: The New Deal	2 Weeks				
"Roosevelt Takes Charge"	4 days	Critique the effectiveness of FDR's 1st 100 days in office Assess the impact of the "Fireside Chats". Discuss the methods used by FDR to solve the Depression and evaluate their effectiveness.	 Create and complete a graphic organizer on the "alphabet agencies" created by FDR. Write a one-page reaction paper from the viewpoint of a businessman who has just listened to one of FDR's "Fireside Chats" Using internet and print resources, create a visual representation of the ways in which FDR's "relief, reform, and recovery" manifested itself in New Jersey. 	-Use charts to springboard class discussions -Collect and grade papers - Share findings with the class to generate class discussions, collect and grade projects	6.1.12.A.9.a 6.1.12.B.9.a 6.1.12.C.9.a,b,c,d 6.1.12.D.9.a,b 6.1.12.A.10.a,b,c 6.1.12.B.10.a 6.1.12.C.10.a,b 6.1.12.D.10.a,b,c,d
"The Second New Deal"	3 Days	Examine methods for resolving the depression Judge the validity of criticisms against FDR -Investigate the controversies	 Write an editorial evaluating one of FDR's New Deal Program. Locate and read a speech from a New Deal critic. Support or criticize its conclusion in a short essay. 	-Collect and grade editorial - Use essays to debate whether FDR's New Deal was positive or negative. Score students using a debate-criteria rubric - Have students	6.1.12.A.10.a,b,c 6.1.12.B.10.a 6.1.12.C.10.a,b 6.1.12.D.10.a,b,c,d

		surrounding FDR's "court packing" attempts	 Analyze political cartoons on pgs 99-100 in Unit 6 resource book Create a political cartoon on Roosevelt's attempt to "pack the court". 	present cartoons. Collect and grade cartoons.	
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				Assessments	
"The Impact of the New Deal"	3 days	Determine the long-term effects of the New Deal on America.	Develop a public works project for the school, community, or state. Create a proposal for the project, and explain how it would help both the unemployed, and the public as a whole	- Students will present their proposals, and it will be collected and graded.	6.1.12.C.10.a,b 6.1.12.D.10.a,b,c,d
		Describe the lasting impact of the New Deal on today's society	In groups students will research New deal agencies still in existence today, and find information on the similarities and differences to the original agency	-Present information to the class, grade using a presentation rubric	
Thematic Assessments			Written quizzes and testsPresidential report Card on FDR	Collect and grade all written work	

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Theme C: World War II	3 Weeks				
"World Affairs 1933 – 1939"	2 days	Examine how totalitarian governments came to power in Europe in 1920's – 1930's.	 Place students in groups, and assign each group a dictator to gather information on. Students will jigsaw and teach other groups about their dictator. 	- Discuss and go over information orally with the class	6.1.12.D.11a-e; 6.1.12.B.11.a; 6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e
		Describe the economic and political factors that led to World War II breaking out in Europe.	 Write an essay explaining the meaning of Hitler's "Gun's and Butter" policy, and why it was so well received by the German people 	- Collect and grade essay	
"Moving Closer To War:	2 days	Assess the ways in which World War II brought an end to the United States Depression.	 Create a propaganda poster about the importance and benefits of industrial production during the war 	- Collect and grade posters	6.1.12.D.11a-e; 6.1.12.B.11.a; 6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e
		Explain how the United States moved from isolation and neutrality to active participation in World War II.	Complete the primary source activities on pages 37-38, and 41-46 in the Unit 7 resource book	- Use speech excerpts to generate class discussions, collect and grade written work	0.1.12.11.a-e
"United States At War"	3 days	Analyze the military strategy developed by the Allies to defeat the Axis powers and evaluate its effectiveness.	Analyze a map of Europe to determine if it was possible to create a more effective Allied or Axis battle plan	- Students will present their own battle plans to the class	6.1.12.B.11.a; 6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e
		Judge the short and long-term effects on World War II on United States Foreign Policy.	 Write a short essay explaining how US involvement in WWII permanently ended any future hopes of remaining isolationists. 	- Collect and grade essays	

"War On The Home	3 days	Compare and contrast the	•	Create a graphic organizer to	- Use charts for	6.1.12.B.11.a;
Front"		mobilization efforts of WWI and WWII		compare the home front efforts	class discussion	6.1.12.C.11.a,b;
		VVVII		of each war		6.1.12.11.a-e
		Determine why the rights of	•	Read primary sources and	- Collect and grade	
		Japanese-Americans were violated during World War II,		complete the activities on pgs 15 and 416 of the Unit 7 resource	written work	
		and whether or not it was justifiable.		book	-Collect and grade essays	
		Describe the role of women and minorities in World War II and its effect on their post-war status.	•	Assign student groups to find information on gains and losses of one of the following groups during the WWII era – Women, African Americans, Mexican-Americans, and Japanese-Americans. Students will jigsaw to share their findings	- Monitor jigsaw and hold a class discussion on the similarities and differences of the groups	
"The Holocaust"		Detail the steps taken by Hitler to persecute European Jews	•	Create a visual timeline of major events related to the Holocaust from Hitler's rise to power, through the liberation of the concentration camps.	- Collect and grade timelines	
		Evaluate the need for		·		
		education on the Holocaust and other Genocides to	•	Participate in the Holocaust essay scholarship contest	-Collect and grade essays, enter top	
		prevent similar situations in the future		essay scholarship contest	essays into contest	
Thematic Assessments			•	Written tests and quizzes	- Grade tests and quizzes.	
			•	Write an essay on the topic "In what ways did the end of WWII signal the beginning of a new power structure in the world"?	Collect and grade essays	

(Unit III – Postwar Years (1945-1970's)

TOPIC/SELECTION	TIME	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS	NJSLS
Theme A The Cold War	5 weeks				
"Policy of Containment"	·	Assess the results of post WWII conferences, and examine changes in Eastern Europe after World War II. Analyze the factors which made communism strong during the postwar period. Examine the foreign policy goals of the Truman Administration.	 Complete a post-WWII map and locate satellite countries on a map. List methods used by the Soviet Union to bring Eastern Europe under its control. Jigsaw on elements of Truman's foreign policy, such as the Truman Doctrine, Marshall Plan, Berlin Airlift, formation of NATO, etc. 	- Cold War in Europe map quiz - Discuss lists to check for understanding - Use jigsaw results to generate discussions on the effectiveness of Truman's foreign policy	6.1.12.D.11a-e; 6.1.12.B.11.a; 6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e
"Cold War in Asia"	4 days	Investigate the events which caused the United Nations to wage a limited war in Korea.	 Write an editorial discussing why the spread of Communism in Asia was a threat to the United States Locate important strategic locations on a map of Korea Debate: Put forth arguments in favor or against the firing of MacArthur. 	 Collect and grade editorial Collect, grade, and discuss map Assess debate using debate-criteria rubric 	6.1.12.D.11a-e; 6.1.12.B.11.a; 6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e

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					Assessments	
"Cold War in America"	6 days	Examine the changes in the American labor force post WWII as it relates to the Red Scare.	•	Chart the union membership from the 20's through the 60's.	- collect and grade charts, discuss reasons for drops in membership during the post WWII era.	6.1.12.D.11a-e; 6.1.12.B.11.a; 6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e
		Examine and assess the tactics used by Joseph McCarthy and HUAC to track down Communists	•	Hold a mock HUAC hearing by allowing students to role play the parts of McCarthy, accused Communists, and those who cooperated with HUAC	-Assess trial participation with rubric	6.1.12.C.11.a,b; 6.1.12.11.a-e
		Describe the impact of Atomic weapons on the American public	•	Using information from the 1950's, create an educational pamphlet entitled "Surviving the Bomb", to teach members of 1950's society what to do in a nuclear attack.	- Collect and grade pamphlets	
"Eisenhower Years"	2 days	Describe President Eisenhower's style of leadership.	•	List advantages and disadvantages of having a military leader as president.	Use lists to generate class discussions	6.1.12.A.12.a,b,c 6.1.12.B.12.a 6.1.12.C.12.a,c,d 6.1.12.C.13.b,d
		Examine the foreign policy crises of Eisenhower's presidency	•	Create a graphic organizer charting the various foreign policy issues that arose during Eisenhower's presidency	Discuss charts as a class to check for understanding	6.1.12.D.13.f,d
			•	Complete primary and secondary source activities on pgs 103-104, and 113-114 in the Unit 7 resource guide	-collect and grade completed worksheets	

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					Assessments	
"An Affluent Society"	ŕ	Compare and contrast the economic policies of Truman and Eisenhower Examine the problems that existed for the groups of society that did not share in the prosperity of the 1950's	•	Debate: Who was more responsible for the economic boom of the 1950's, Truman or Eisenhower? Write a newspaper article exposing the "hidden problems" of the 1950's.	- Assess debate participation with a debate rubric - Collect and grade articles	6.1.12.D.12.a,b,c 6.1.12.A.13.a,b.c 6.1.12.B.13.a,b
		Analyze the economic and social impact of advances in technology, business, and entertainment in the 1950's Examine the growth of suburbs and the interstate highway system.	•	Chart the GNP for the years 1950 to 1959. Create collages on the social and cultural advances of the 1950's, and discuss the impact they have had on today's society Complete the political cartoon activities on pages 143 and 144 of the Unit 7 Resource book	Discuss the charts, and have students present their collages. Assess using a presentation rubric Collect and grade worksheets	
Thematic Assessments			•	Written quizzes and tests	Grade tests and quizzes	
			•	In groups, create a comic book detailing significant events/figures from the Cold War in the US.	Collect and grade comic books	
			•	Presidential report Cards for Truman and Eisenhower	Collect and grade report cards	

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Theme B New Frontiers	3 weeks					
"Civil Rights Movement"	5 days	Investigate major events in the early civil rights movement. Examine the effects of the Brown v Board of Education decision. Compare and contrast	•	Make a time line of the major events of the civil rights movement. Complete pgs 66-70 of the Unit 8 resource Guide	Collect and grade timeline Collect and grade worksheets, use to generate class discussions Use essay to	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e
		the differing arguments on how to achieve civil rights	•	Read/view portions of the King's "I Have a Dream" speech and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", as well as Malcolm X's "The Ballot or the Bullet" speech. Write an essay on the following: did the emergence of both peaceful and militant factions of the Civil rights movement help or hinder the momentum of the movement?	generate class debate. Collect and grade essays	
"Kennedy's New Frontier"	5 days	Evaluate legislation proposed by the Kennedy Administration.	•	Work in groups to produce a newsletter describing the successes and failures of Kennedy's domestic Programs.	Collect and grade newsletter	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e
		Examine the impact of the Warren Court	•	Create and complete a graphic organizer on the Warren Court reforms	Use graphic organizer to generate class discussions	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
			•	Debate the following topic: Should the Supreme Court be allowed to "legislate from the bench" by interpreting the Constitution in ways that	Assess debate participation using a debate rubric	

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"Foreign Policy Challenges"	5 days	Analyze foreign policy decisions made during the Kennedy Administration.	•	Create a map, which shows the location of foreign conflicts. Form groups to role-play an investigative committee to assess Kennedy's response to the Bay of Pigs invasion. Complete primary source activities on pages 35-36, and 45-46 on the Unit 8 resource guide	Map quiz Assess individual participation with rubric Use worksheets to generate class discussions	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e
		Examine the tragic end to the Kennedy Presidency.	•	Research Primary Sources on the Kennedy Assassination, and write an essay on whether or not you support the findings of the Warren Commission, using reliable evidence to support your claim.	Collect and grade essays	
Thematic Assessment			•	Written quizzes and tests	Grade tests and quizzes	
			•	Presidential Report card for Kennedy	Collect and grade report card	

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Theme C	3			Assessments	
The Vietnam Era	weeks				
"The Great Society"	3 days	Examine President Lyndon Johnson's efforts to fight poverty.	Complete activity on pg 23 of the Unit 8 Resource guide	Use worksheets to generate class discussions	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b;
		Judge the impact and effectiveness the Great Society programs	 In groups, create presentations on the 4 areas of society impacted by the Great Society: Health and Welfare, Education, Poverty, and Consumer/Environmental Protection. Presentations should include lists of specific programs/goals, as well as the results and impacts of these programs. Write a speech for President Johnson urging passage of Great Society programs 	Grade presentation using a presentation rubric Collect and grade written speeches	6.1.12.D.13.b,e
"War in Vietnam"	4 days	Examine events which led the U.S. to become involved in Vietnam	 Make a time line of the key events leading to U.S. involvement in Vietnam Complete primary source activity on pages 99-100, and page 105 of the Unit 8 resource guide 	Collect and grade timeline Use primary source to generate class discussion	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e
		Compare and contrast the tactics used by the Vietcong and the US during Vietnam	Debate: Which sides tactics were more brutal during the Vietnam War, the US, or the Vietcong? Were either sides actions justifiable?	Assess participation using a debate rubric	
		Analyze the reasons for opposition to the	 Create a political cartoon illustrating antiwar demonstrations Complete Primary source activities 	Collect and grade all written work	

	Vietnam War	on pages 101-102 of the Unit 8	1
		Resource guide	

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					Assessments	
"Social Revolution"	3 days	Examine the factors responsible for discontent among various groups living in the US during the 1960's. Examine the counterculture movement of the 1960's	•	In groups create a powerpoint presentation on one of the following protest groups of the 1960's: Students, Hippies, feminists, Latino's. Be sure to include leadership, membership, goals, and tactics used by the group.	Present project to class, assess using presentation rubric.	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e
"Year of Disasters 1968"	2 days	Analyze the impact of major events of 1968	•	Make a month by month time line for 1968, using the internet to research significant events	Collect and grade timelines	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e
"The Nixon Years"	3 days	Describe the goals of Nixon's domestic policy measures	•	Write a speech for Nixon, pitching one of his domestic policy ideas to Congress	Collect and grade speeches	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c;
		Assess the impact of Nixon's foreign policy measures	•	Would Nixon's policy of meeting with nations hostile to the US help ease tensions with hostile nations today, such as Iran or North Korea? Why or why not	Assess using a debate rubric	
		Describe the events, and assess the lasting impact of, the Watergate Scandal	•	Create a timeline of the events of the Watergate Scandal and its investigation Complete the primary source activities on pgs 35-36 of the Unit 8 resource guide Write an essay on the following: Did Watergate cause irreparable damage to America's faith and trust in the government?	Collect and grade all written work. Use essays to generate class discussion	

Thematic Assessments		•	Written tests and quizzes	Grade tests/quizzes	
		•	Presidential report Cards for	Collect and grade	
			Johnson and Nixon	report cards	

(Unit IV: Contemporary America (1973 – present))

TOPIC/SELECTION	TIME	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS	NJSLS
Theme A The Ford and Carter Administrations	2 weeks				
"Crisis of Confidence"	5 days	Examine the economic problems of the 1970's, and the responses made by both ford and Carter Compare and contrast the	 List events, which led to the recession of the 1970's Complete activities on page 34 of the Unit 9 resource guide 	Use lists and activities to generate class discussions Collect and grade	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b;
		economic crisis of the 1970's to that of the 2000's	 Chart gasoline prices (1969-2009). Write an essay on the following: What permanent changes could the US have implemented during the 1970's to help prevent the economic problems of the 2000's? 	charts and essays Map quiz	6.1.12.D.13.b,e
		Evaluate Presidents Ford and Carter's foreign Policy.	 Locate the major countries of the Middle East crisis on a map. Create a T-chart comparing the foreign policy successes and 	Use t-chart to generate class discussions	
		Evaluate the social changes made in the 1970's	failures In groups, students will jigsaw to	Collect and grade graphic organizer	
			complete a graphic organizer on the changes that took place for		

African Americans, Native	
Americans, and the handicapped,	
as well as environmentalist	
changes	

TOPIC/SELECTION	TIME	OBJECTIVE	ACTIVITY	Benchmark	NJSLS
				Assessments	
"A Conservative Shift"	5 days	Analyze the reasons for the conservative revolution of the 1980's. Compare and contrast liberals and conservatives	Create a Venn diagram to compare and contrast liberal and conservative philosophies	Use diagram to generate class discussions	6.1.12.D.12.a,d,e; 6.1.12.A.13.a-c; 6.1.12.B.12.a,b; 6.1.12.D.13.b,e 6.1.12.A.14.a-h
		Examine President Reagan's economic policies	 Read an excerpt of Regan's inaugural address on pg 69-70 of the Unit 9 resource guide Debate whether deregulation of business and industry helped or hurt the economy in both the short and long term. 	Collect and grade questions from worksheet Assess debate participation with a debate rubric	6.1.12.B.14.c,d 6.1.12.C.14.a-c 6.1.12.D.14.a-e
Thematic Assessment			 Written quizzes and tests Presidential report cards for Ford and Carter 	Grade quizzes/tests Collect and grade report cards	

TOPIC/SELECTION	TIME	OBJECTIVE		ACTIVITY	Benchmark Assessments	NJSLS
Theme B Toward a New Century	3 weeks				Assessments	
"After the Cold War"	5 days	Examine the moves toward democracy through out Eastern Europe. Analyze the events which led to the end of the Soviet Union. Discuss the foreign policy controversies of the Regan	•	Write an eyewitness account of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Locate the countries of Eastern Europe, which moved toward Democracy. Work in groups to create a time line on the fall of the Soviet Union. Write an essay on the following topic: Do the successes of	Share accounts with class, grade using presentation rubric Map quiz Collect and grade timeline	6.1.12.A.16.a-c 6.1.12.B.16.a 6.1.12.C.16.c 6.1.12.D.16.c
		era		Regan's foreign policy outweigh his failures? Why or why not?	Collect and grade essay	
"The Persian Gulf War"	2 days	Analyze the events which led to the conflict between lraq and coalition forces.	•	Work in groups to plan interview questions for President Bush and General Norman Schwartzkoph.	Role play interviews in class, assess using presentation rubric	6.1.12.A.14.a-h; 6.1.12.B.14.a-d; 6.1.12.C.14.a-d;
			•	Prepare a news broadcast about the beginning of the Persian Gulf War.	Collect and grade news scripts	6.1.12.D.14a-f;
"The Clinton Years"	5 days	Assess the domestic policies of the Clinton Administration	•	Create a graphic organizer analyzing the successes and failures of Clinton's policies on the economy, health care, education, and crime/gun control.	Collect and grade graphic organizer	6.1.12.C.14.a-d; 6.1.12.D.14a-f;
		Analyze Clinton's use of the US military in peacekeeping missions	•	Debate: "Should Clinton have used the US military as an "international police force".	Assess using debate rubric	

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					Assessments	
"The U.S. in a Global Economy"	3 days	Examine the changes in the economy of the early 1990's.	•	Create a cause and effect diagram of the deficit crisis of the 1990's. Debate the positive and negative aspects of trade agreements such as NAFTA and US entrance into	Use diagrams to generate class discussion Assess using a debate rubric	6.1.12.A.14.a-h; 6.1.12.B.14.a-d; 6.1.12.C.14.a-d; 6.1.12.D.14a-f;
Thematic Assessments			•	Written tests and quizzes Presidential report cards for Regan, Bush, and Clinton	Grade quizzes/tests Collect and grade report cards	

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					Assessments	
Theme A: "The New Century: A Time of Turmoil"	2 Weeks					
The Election of 2000	2 Days	Analyze the events of the election of 2000	•	Make a timeline of the events of the 2000 election	Collect and grade timelines	6.1.12.A.14a
			•	Analyze the political cartoon on page 1034 of the text, and discuss whether or not an individual's vote "really matters"	Assess class discussion to check for understanding	
"The 9/11 Terror Attacks and the War on Terror"	8 days	Discuss the events and impact of the 9/11 terror attacks	•	Students will write a journal of personal recollections from 9/11 and/or interview someone who lived through it.	Share student's personal stories with class, collect and grade journal entries	6.1.12.D.15.d 6.1.12.A.15.abcd
		Assess Bush's response to the 9/11 attacks.	•	Debate: Did the War on Terror help to make the US, and the world, safer, or did it make the US more vulnerable to attack?	Assess student participation using a debate rubric	
		Critique the Bush Administration's decisions to limit certain liberties in exchange for greater security in the post-9/11 world	•	Complete the primary source activities on pages 134-136 of the Unit 9 resource guide Write an essay: was the government justified in limiting certain civil liberties for US citizens, as well as suspected terrorists, after 9/11?	Collect and grade primary source activities Collect and grade essays	
Thematic Assessment			•	Written tests and quizzes Presidential report cards for George W. Bush	Grade tests/quizzes Collect and grade report cards	
Yearly Assessments			•	Written Mid-term and Final Exams Complete a 7-10 page research paper on an assigned topic	Grade exams Collect, read, and	

	relevant to the course	grade papers	
	relevant to the course	grade papers	