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Unit 1: Foundations of Early America Content Standards: 11.1; 11.3 Become a Close Reader and Writing to Learn	4 weeks	Speech	Democracy has evolved over time.	 How has democracy evolved over time? In what ways did the Declaration of Independence establish the foundation of American government? Could the Constitution have been written without compromise? Does state or federal government have a greater impact on our lives? What were the effects of the Civil War and was it worth its costs? Was it inevitable? 	 Textbook: Declaration of Independence p. 54-57, Common Sense p. 52, Creating a New Government p. 68-71, The Living Constitution pgs. 82-103, Voting Rights p. 105, Gettysburg Address p. 177, War Changes the Nation pgs. 181-183 DBQ Project Binder: North or South: Who Killed Reconstruction?
UNIT 2: Industrialization Content Standards: 11.2 Reading Closely for Textual Details	4 weeks	Newspaper Article	Change can be beneficial or detrimental.	 Has rapid industrial development been a blessing or a curse for Americans? Were big business leaders "captains of industry" or "robber barons?" Should business be regulated closely by the government? Has immigration been the key to America's success? At what point do people stand up against the abuse of power? (Progressive Movements) 	 Textbook: Ch. 6 The New Industrial Age pgs. 228-251, Ch. 7 Immigrants and Urbanization pgs. 252-273, Social Gospel pg. 266, Industry Changes the Environment pgs. 234-235, Ch. 9 The Progressive Era pgs. 304-339, The Muckrakers pgs. 326-327 DBQ Project Binder: The Philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie: Did It Make Him a Hero?; Progressivism: Where Will You Put Your Million Dollars?

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Unit 3: U.S. Imperialism and World War I Content Standards: 11.4 Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions	3 Weeks	Argumentativ e essay	Power can be used or abused.	 Is it ever justified to intervene in the affairs of other countries? Was American expansion overseas justified? Is it ever justified to suppress civil liberties? Should the United States fight wars to make the world safe for democracy? Should the United States have entered World War I? 	 Textbook: Ch. 10 America Claims and Empire pgs. 340-369, Ch. 11 The First World War pgs. 370-407 pg. 362 Political Cartoon DBQ Project Binder: <i>Should the</i> <i>United States Have Annexed the</i> <i>Philippines?</i>
Unit 4: The Roaring Twenties Content Standards: 11.5 <i>Gathering Evidence</i> <i>and Speaking to</i> <i>Others</i>	1.5 Weeks	Overview Poster or Newspaper	Change can be beneficial or detrimental.	 Were the major political, social/cultural, economic and technological developments of the 1920s beneficial or detrimental to society? Did the role of women in American life significantly change during the 1920s? To what extent was the Prohibition Amendment a success? Should the United States limit immigration? 	 Textbook: Ch. 12 Politics of the Roaring Twenties pgs. 410-431, Ch. 13 The Roaring Life of the 1920s pgs. 432-461 DBQ Project Binder: <i>Prohibition:</i> <i>Why Did America Change Its</i> <i>Mind?</i>

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Unit 5: The Great Depression and the New Deal Content Standards: 11.6 Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions	4 Weeks	Research Report	Crisis leads to change.	 In what ways does crisis lead to change? Why did the Great Depression Occur? What impact did the Great Depression & New Deal have on various social groups in America? How did the New Deal address the Great Depression? Should society & government regulate business? To what extent was the New Deal effective? 	Textbook: Ch. 14 The Great Depression Begins pgs. 462-485, Ch. 15 The New Deal pgs. 486-523 DBQ Project Binder: <i>What Caused</i> <i>the Dust Bowl?</i>
Unit 6: World War II Content Standards: 11.7 Analyzing to inform and explain	4 Weeks	Informative Report	With power comes choice.	 Is war ever justified? Was war between the U.S. & Japan inevitable? How important was the home front in the U.S. victory in WWII? Was the treatment of Japanese Americans during WWII justified or an unfortunate setback for democracy? Should the U.S. employ atomic (nuclear) weapons to defeat its enemies in war? 	Textbook: Ch. 17 The United States in World War II pgs. 560- 599 DBQ Project Binder: <i>Why Did</i> <i>Japan Attack Pearl Harbor?</i>

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UNIT 7: Cold War Content Standards: 11.9 <i>Building Evidence</i> <i>Based Arguments</i>	4.5 Weeks	Argumentativ e Essay	Power may be used and abused.	 Was the Cold War inevitable? Was Containment an effective policy to thwart (stop) communist expansion? Should the U.S. have fought proxy wars to contain communism? Should Pres. Kennedy have risked nuclear war to remove missiles from Cuba? To what extent did the U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War lead to criticism of the government? 	Textbook: Ch. 18 Cold War Conflicts pgs. 600-631, Ch. 22 – Vietnam War pgs. 728-765 DBQ Project Binder: <i>Berlin, Korea,</i> <i>and Cuba: How Did the U.S. Contain</i> <i>Communism?</i>
Unit 8: Post War America Content Standards: 11.8 Researching to Deepen Understandings	1.5 Weeks	Research Article	Change generates additional change.	 Were the 1950s a time of great peace, progress, and prosperity for Americans? How did Consumerism, the Baby Boom, & the "Corporate Man" transform the U.S. post WWII? Did the "Great Society" programs fulfill their promises? Were changes in technology (computer, medicine, agriculture) since 1945 really "revolutionary?" 	Textbook: Ch. 19 pgs. 632-665, New Frontier pgs. 679-683, Great Society pgs. 686-693, Ch. 24, Sec 4 Environmental Issues

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Unit 9: Civil Rights Movement Content Standards: 11.10 Researching to Build Knowledge and Teaching Others	4 Weeks	Research Report	Democracy has evolved over time.	 How has democracy evolved over time? Is violence or non-violence the most effective means to achieve social change? Did the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s effectively change the nation? Do the ideas of the 1960s still have relevance today? Has the women's movement for equality in the United States become a reality or remained a dream? 	 Textbook: Ch. 19 pgs. 632-665, Ch. 21 Civil Rights pgs. 698-727, Ch. 23 Era of Social Change pgs.766-789, Counter Culture pgs. 781-785 DBQ Project Binder: Politics or Principle: Why Did L.B.J. Sign the Civil Rights Act of 1964?; What Made Cesar Chavez an Effective Leader?
Unit 10: Contemporary American Society Content Standards: 11.11 Researching to Build Knowledge and Teaching Others	2 weeks	Research Poster or Presentation to teach others.	Change affects both the individual and the whole society.	 In what ways has the domestic policy of U.S. presidents (since WWII) shaped the country positively or negatively? How has immigration legislation transformed the U.S. in the 20th Century? Was the Watergate scandal a sign of strength or weakness in the United States system of government? 	 Textbook: Ch. 24 Nixon & Watergate pgs. 794-808; Ch. 25 Pres. Reagan & George H.W. Bush; Ch. 26 Pres. Clinton & George W. Bush; Immigration pgs. 882-889 DBQ Project Binder: Should the United States Drill for Oil in Alaska's Wilderness?