

Grade 8 History Curriculum Map

Dates	Units/Curriculum Connections	Standards Met	Assessments	Resources /Materials used
Sept	Settlement of English colonies Constitution Day mini-lesson	CV:1, CV:2, CV:4, GE:1, GE:2, GE:4, HI:1, HI:2, HI:5, WH:1, WH:5	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks	Textbook, Smartboard, ipads internet sites (, National Archives, Jamestown Rediscovery, others) Archaeological artifacts/tools videos, maps, photographs Junior Scholastic magazine
Oct	French and Indian War Causes of Revolution American Revolution Writing the Constitution	CV:1, CV:2, CV:4, EC:2, EC:4, EC:5, GE:1, GE:4, HI:1, HI:3, HI:4, HI:5	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks Rev War timeline group activity Patriot research/writing project	Textbook, Smartboard, ipads videos (<i>Liberty</i> series) music (“Chester”) Readings from the <i>Declaration of Independence</i> , <i>Common Sense</i> and <i>The American Crisis</i> , preamble to the Constitution maps, charts, political cartoons, other primary sources
Nov	Early Federal period War of 1812 Industrialization and the beginnings of sectionalism Monroe Doctrine	CV:1, CV:2, CV:3, EC:1, EC:2, EC:3, EC:4, EC:5, GE:2, HI:1, HI:2, HI:4, HI:5, WH:4	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks writing/debate activity (Federalists versus Democratic Republicans) cotton cleaning activity	Textbook, Smartboard videos, internet sources maps/charts objects/artifacts (cotton bolls, shuttle, drop spindle)
Dec	Jacksonian democracy Westward expansion (1820-1850) and Manifest Destiny	CV:3, CV:4, EC:1, EC:3, EC:4, EC:5, GE:2, HI:1, HI:2, HI:3, HI:5	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks group activity: Andrew Jackson “report card”	Textbook, Smartboard videos, internet sources maps/charts, political cartoons Junior Scholastic magazine
Jan	Struggle over slavery (1820-1860) Abolitionism and other reform movements Civil War	CV:1, CV:2, CV:4, HI:1, HI:3, HI:5	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks Civil War encampment project (research and historical role playing)	Textbook, Smartboard videos (<i>Glory</i> , Ken Burn’s <i>Civil War</i>) Civil War photographs, other primary source material Junior Scholastic magazine maps/charts

Feb	Reconstruction Era Mini-unit: Summary of trends in late 19th century America (immigration, industrial growth)	CV:1, CV:2, CV:4, HI:1, HI:4, HI:5	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks	Textbook, Smartboard internet sources, primary source documents (political cartoons, photographs, etc) <i>New York</i> video series
Mar	Progressive era reforms Age of imperialism (American expansion abroad) World War I - causes and effects	CV:1, CV:2, CV:3, CV:4, EC:4, EC:5, EC:6, GE:4, HI:1, HI:2, HI:3, HI:5, WH:2	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks Group activity: Analyzing political cartoons	Textbook, Smartboard internet sites videos (<i>New York, Our Century</i>) WWI propaganda posters music/poetry of WWI maps, charts
April	Jazz Age (mini-lesson) Great Depression and New Deal	EC:1, EC:2, EC:3, EC:4, EC:6, HI:1, HI:4, HI:5	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks	Textbook, Smartboard film excerpts (<i>Wild Boys of the Road, Our Century</i>) music: "Brother, Can You Spare A Dime?" primary sources (oral histories, photographs), maps/charts, internet sites
May/ June	World War II - causes and effects Cold War and Civil Rights eras	CV:1, CV:2, CV:3, GE:4, HI:1, HI:2, HI:3, HI:5, WH:1	Homework, class discussions quizzes/tests/notebooks Analyzing propaganda: WWII film analysis paper	Textbook, Smartboard films: <i>Hollywood Goes to War, Triumph of the Will</i> , WWII-era Disney cartoons maps, charts, photographs objects (ration cards, V-mail, etc) other primary sources