

Students will be able to:

INDUSTRIALIZATION

- Identify American advantages in industrialization including land, labor, capital, and technology.
- Note the contributions of individual entrepreneurs. (*Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, and Cornelius Vanderbilt*)
- Identify what life was like in America's cities.
- Detail the motivations for immigration to the U.S. and the challenges faced by those who came here.
- Explain the impact those immigrants had on the American society and economy.
- Detail the creation of the transcontinental railroad and how it contributed to westward expansion.
- Describe the series of conflicts between the settlers and the Native Americans resulting from westward expansion.
- Describe the conditions that caused a rise in labor unions.
- Note the causes and outcomes of the major strikes of the late 1800s.
- Explain the rise in the Populist Party and the Socialist Party.

Students will be able to:

PROGRESSIVE ERA

- Identify and explain the origins and nature of the Progressive Movement.
- Evaluate the role of the muckrakers and their influence on reform.
- Trace the development of the women's suffrage movement.
- Categorize the social, political, and economic reforms of the Progressive Era.
- Identify President Theodore Roosevelt and evaluate how he applied Progressive principles to the national economy.

Students will be able to:

IMPERIALISM THROUGH WORLD WAR I

- Identify the motivating factors of imperialism.
- Analyze the causes and course of America's growing role in world affairs including the Spanish-American War, the Roosevelt Corollary, and the Panama Canal.
- Identify the reasons for America's policy of neutrality prior to 1917.
- Explain the reasons America entered the war and the impact of American involvement.
- Explain the impact of World War I on the American home-front.
- Outline Wilson's fourteen point plan for peace and his contributions to the Treaty of Versailles.
- Discuss why Congress failed to ratify the Versailles treaty.

Students will be able to:

BETWEEN THE WARS

- Understand how the 1920's earned the nicknames of the "Roaring Twenties" and the "Jazz Age."
- Identify the causes of the Great Depression including the crash of the stock market in 1929.
- Describe the social and economic effects of the Great Depression.
- Describe how the policies of FDR's New Deal attempted to combat the Great Depression and forever enlarged the size and scope of the federal government.

Students will be able to:WORLD WAR II

- Explain the strength of American isolationism after World War I and analyze its impact on United States foreign policy.
- Analyze how German and Japanese aggression contributed to the beginning of World War II.
- Identify and explain the significance of key battles, strategies, and events of World War II including Pearl Harbor, D-Day, and island-hopping in the Pacific.
- Debate the arguments for and against the use of atomic weapons against Japan.
- Explain important domestic events that took place during the war including the internment of Japanese-Americans and the struggle for justice at home for African-Americans.

Students will be able to:COLD WAR

- Explain why 1945 was a critical year in international relations and identify the superpowers' conflicting postwar goals.
- Compare and contrast American and Soviet economic and political systems.
- Explain how the U.S. policy of containment was designed to stop Soviet communist expansion.
- Analyze the effects of U.S. policies designed to stop Soviet communist expansion.
- Describe the causes and the consequences of the Korean War and the Vietnam War.
- Explain how American foreign policy decisions contributed to the end of the Cold War.
- Assess the successes and failures of Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon, Ford, Carter, and Reagan.

Students will be able to:POST WAR AMERICA

- Analyze the causes and consequences of important domestic Cold War trends. (*baby boom, education, and consumerism*)
- Recognize the similarities between the Fair Deal and the New Deal.
- Describe the impact of organized labor in post war America.
- Analyze the effects of Senator Joseph McCarthy's anticommunist campaign on the American public.
- Explain the domestic response to the space and arms races.
- Identify McCarthyism and its affect on American institutions.
- Describe the origins, goals, key events, and accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement.

Students will be able to:CONTEMPORARY AMERICA

- Describe some of the major economic and social trends of the late 20th century & early 21st century.
- Assess the foreign and domestic policies of the G.H.W. Bush, Clinton, and G.W. Bush presidencies.
- Explain the importance of the 2000 presidential election.
- Analyze the course and consequences of American interventions in the Balkans, Somalia, and Iraq.
- Explain how American foreign policy has led to the rise of global terrorism.