



H.S. U.S. History Curriculum

Reading and Writing Standards

Marking Period	Reading Standards	Writing Standards
1	Reading Comprehension Close Reading with an emphasis on marginalia	Immigrant Journal
2	Reading Comprehension Close Reading with an emphasis on marginalia	Dust Bowl DBQ
3	Reading Comprehension Close Reading with an emphasis on marginalia	Timeline Analysis
4	Reading Comprehension Close Reading with an emphasis on marginalia	Compare and Contrast paper

Scoring Guide for Written Work

- Thesis, Claim, Evidence, Reasoning/Explanation
- MLA format (Citing Sources)
- Proper Grammar, Spelling, and Capitalization



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Content Topics and Pacing

Topic	Duration	Guiding Questions	Reading/Writing Assignments
The Civil War and Reconstruction	2 weeks	<p>How did the ideals of freedom and equality influence American political society prior to 1877?</p> <p>How did America respond to geographic, economic, and demographic changes prior to 1877?</p> <p>How did America's foundational values and principles influence United States' foreign policy prior to 1877?</p>	<p>Close Reading of text</p> <p>Rewriting Historical Documents (Emancipation Proclamation, 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments)</p>
The Gilded Age and Industrialism	4 weeks	<p>How did geography, technology, people, and government cause the growth of industrial and urban America?</p> <p>How did industrialization transform life in late 19th and early 20th century America?</p> <p>How did the growth of an industrial and urban America help shape the meaning of freedom and equality?</p>	<p>Close Reading of text</p> <p>Guided Reading</p> <p>Reading Comprehension (written answers and multiple choice)</p> <p>Journal Entries (written assessment)</p> <p>Chronology Poster and Paragraph</p> <p>Timeline Analysis</p>



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Progressivism and Imperialism	4 weeks	<p>How was the Progressive Movement a reaction to changes that took place in the United States during 1877-1915?</p> <p>How does the automobile industry provide an example of the causes and consequences of major industrial transformations in America?</p> <p>How successful was the Progressive Movement in addressing concerns facing Americans?</p> <p>How and why did America's role on the international stage change?</p> <p>How did imperialism affect the United States domestically?</p>	<p>Close Reading of text</p> <p>Reading Comprehension (written answers and multiple choice)</p> <p>Presentations</p>
World War I	2 weeks	<p>How did World War I affect the United States domestically?</p> <p>How did responses to President Wilson's Fourteen Points illustrate tensions between interventionism and isolationism, as well as instability in</p>	<p>Close Reading of text</p> <p>Reading Comprehension (written answers and multiple choice)</p> <p>Presentations</p>



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		the world?	
The Roaring 20s and the Great Depression	2 weeks	<p>How did post-war changes in society manifest themselves in cultural conflict?</p> <p>How did the economic, political, and social/cultural choices in the early 1900s contribute to the Great Depression?</p> <p>How did the responses to the Great Depression both reflect and then shape the meaning of freedom in the United States?</p>	Close Reading Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice Test
World War II	3 weeks	<p>How did nationalism and isolationism influence the escalation of global conflict?</p> <p>How did America's involvement in World War II affect the war abroad and life at home?</p> <p>How did decisions at the end of World</p>	Close Reading Reading Comprehension Timeline Activity Multiple Choice Test



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		War II address concerns stemming from the aftermath of WWI, as well as events that transpired during the Second World War?	
The Cold War	4 weeks	<p>How and why did conflicting ideologies and world views result in the Cold War?</p> <p>How successful were the United States' responses to the threat of communism at home and abroad?</p> <p>How did the idea of freedom influence and reflect the Cold War era?</p>	Close Reading Reading Comprehension Multiple Choice Test
The Civil Rights Movement	3 weeks	<p>Why did the Civil Rights Movement intensify after World War II?</p> <p>How did individuals and groups use political, legal, and social means to strive for freedom and equality?</p> <p>How successful was the Civil Rights</p>	Close Reading of Text Compare and Contrast paper



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		movement?	
Vietnam	3 weeks	How and why did the Vietnam War divide America?	Close Reading of Text Timeline Analysis
Decades (1970s-2000s)	2 weeks	What were the defining moments in the United States during the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, and early 2000s?	Close Reading of Text Defining Moments paper