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| Time Frame | Topic/Unit | Skills/Concepts | Major Assessments | Core Standards | Resources |
| September | Civil War (Effects)Reconstruction | * How did he Civil War impact the North?
* How did the Civil War impact the South
* **What debates arose about how to reunite the nation after the Civil War?**
* **How did Reconstruction positively and negatively affect freedmen?**
* **How did the Government work to expand and protect the rights of African Americans?**
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| October | Westward Expansion and impact on the Native American Culture | * Why did Americans move west?
* **How did the transcontinental railroad affect the U.S.?**
* **How did westward expansion affect American Indians?**
* **How did settlers and the US government attempt to deal with American Indians?**
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| October | Growth of IndustryImmigration | * **What were the positive as well as the negative impacts of industrialization?**
* **What are monopolies and how do they affect consumers?**
* **Why did labor unions develop and how do they work?How did cities change during the turn of the century?**
* **Why did immigrants come to the United States and what was life like for them?**
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| November | The Progressives  | * Who are muckrakers/reformers and what methods did they use to influence government?
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| NovemberDecember | Expansion and Imperialism | * Why did the US want to expand?
* **What were the causes and effects of the Spanish American War?**
* **What new territory did the US acquire and how was it acquired?**
* **How did US expansion affect the people of the US and other nations?**
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| January | WWI | * What were the short and long-term causes of World War I?
* **What factors led to U.S. entry into WWI?**
* **How was WWI the first modern war?**
* **How did the U.S. mobilize for WWI and how were civil liberties restricted?**
* **Why did the United States reject the Treaty of Versailles?**
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| January | The Roaring 20’s and the New Deal | * What new technologies changed America and how?
* **What was the Harlem Renaissance's impact American culture?**
* **How did Prohibition affect Americans?**
* **How did the economy change in the 1920s?**
* **What is mass culture?**
* **What were the causes of the Great Depression?**
* **How did the Great Depression affect Americans?**
* **How did the American government respond to the Great Depression?**
* **What was the New Deal and what were its lasting effects?**
* **What was the Dust Bowl and how did it affect people?**
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| February | WWII | * What is totalitarianism?
* **What were the causes of WWII?**
* **What was the US' initial response to the war and why did the US eventually join the war?**
* **What was life like on the home front during the war?**
* **How did the US prepare for war?**
* **What the "final solution" and how did it affect WWII?**
* **How did the US and its allies "win" the war?**
* **How did the world adjust to peacetime?**
* **How did the atomic bomb change the world?**
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| March/April | Post-World War II and the Cold War | * What caused the Cold War?
* **How did the U.S. try to contain communism in other nations?**
* **What were the causes and effects of the Korean War?**
* **What was the Red Scare and how did it affect the country?**
* **How did the world avoid nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis?**
* **What were the causes and effects of the Vietnam War?**
* **Why were Americans so divided over the war in Vietnam?**
* **How did Cold War tensions ease and the war come to an end?**
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| May/June | The Civil Rights Movement | * What role did congress and the courts play in civil rights?
* **What were some of the methods used to achieve civil rights?**
* **Who were some of the key people and events of the Civil Rights Movement**?
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