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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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,4,5 |  |
| 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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,3,4 |  |
| October | Growth of Industry  Immigration | * **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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,2,4 |  |
| November | The Progressives | * Who are muckrakers/reformers and what methods did they use to influence government? | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks | 1,3,4,5 |  |
| November  December | 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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,2,3,5 |  |
| 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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,2,4 |  |
| 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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,3,4,5 |  |
| 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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,2,3 |  |
| 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?** | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,2,4,5 |  |
| 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**? | Homework  Class work  Quizzes  Tests  Benchmarks  Castle Learning | 1,4,5 |  |