



GRADE LEVEL: 8th Grade Social Studies

TRIMESTER I: AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER

MAJOR UNITS/TOPICS	ASSESSMENTS/PROJECTS
<p><b>Americans in the Mid- 1800s</b> <b>Introduction:</b> <b>Setting the Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US and Illinois Constitution</li> <li>• The Worlds of North and South</li> <li>• African Americans in the Mid-1800s</li> </ul> <p><b>The Union Challenged Introduction:</b> <b>Setting the Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Dividing Nation</li> <li>• The Civil War</li> <li>• The Reconstruction Era</li> </ul>	<p>All assignments except for the Constitution tests and Civil War Project are done in a choice format. Students will choose a series of assessments in order to make a final unit score of 100.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US and Illinois Constitution tests ( must pass both to graduate)</li> <li>• Geography Skills</li> <li>• Map Analysis</li> <li>• Interactive Student Notebook</li> <li>• Annotation of Text</li> <li>• Summative Assessment</li> <li>• Vocabulary Work</li> <li>• Geography Skills</li> <li>• KWL</li> <li>• Interactive Student Notebook</li> <li>• Summative Assessments</li> <li>• Vocabulary Work</li> <li>• Civil War Research Project</li> </ul>

TRIMESTER 2: NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY

MAJOR UNITS/TOPICS	ASSESSMENTS/PROJECTS
<p><b>Migration and Industry:</b> <b>Introduction:</b> <b>Setting the Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tensions in the West</li> <li>• The Rise of industry</li> <li>• The Great Wave of immigration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geography Skills</li> <li>• Interactive Student Notebook</li> <li>• Summative Assessments</li> <li>• Vocabulary Work</li> <li>•</li> </ul>

**TRIMESTER 3: MARCH, APRIL, MAY**

**MAJOR UNITS/ TOPICS**

**A Modern Nation Emerges**

**Introduction:**

**Setting the Stage**

- The Progressive Era
- The United States Becomes a World Power
- The Roaring Twenties and the Great Depression

**The United States in the Modern Era**

**Introduction:**

**Setting the Stage**

- World War II
- The Cold War
- The Civil Rights Movement
- Contemporary Modern Society

**ASSESSMENTS/PROJECTS**

- Geography Skills
- Map Analysis
- Interactive Student Notebook
- Annotation of Text
- Imagery Analysis
- Summative Assessment
- Vocabulary Work
- KWL
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- KWL
- Interactive Student Notebook
- Summative Assessments
- Vocabulary Work
- "Music Video"
- Acrostic Poem work
- Immigrant Handbook
- Narrative Writing