

8th Grade

Focus Statement: Students will analyze the political, economic, cultural and social developments of the 20th century to determine America's progress and place in the global community.

Days of Remembrance:

- September 11
- Constitution Day: September 17
- Veterans Day: November 11
- Pearl Harbor Day: December 7
- Martin Luther King Day: January 15
- Memorial Day: May 31

SS.8.1. Students will analyze the Gilded Age from 1880-1917 to determine its political, economic, social and cultural effects on the American lifestyle.

SS.8.1.1. Define the term *Gilded Age* and give examples of how it was reflected in the daily lives of Americans.

SS.8.1.2. Identify and describe important businessmen of the time period, including Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, and John D. Rockefeller.

SS.8.1.3. Describe the economic depression of the late 1800's, including its causes, effects, and solutions.

SS.8.1.4. Describe the growth of factories and businesses that resulted from advancements in transportation and communication.

SS.8.1.5. Analyze major labor conflicts of this time period to determine how they changed the life of the American worker, including the Haymarket Square riot, the Triangle Factory Fire, and events at Everett, WA and Ludlow, CO.

SS.8.1.6. Evaluate the importance of the media (i.e. "The Fourth Estate") and investigative journalism in exposing the

wrongdoings of American society, including bad business practices, extreme poverty, and political corruption.

SS.8.1.7. Evaluate the technological advancements in the areas of engineering and architecture in terms of the ways they affected in the American urban landscape and methods of transportation.

SS.8.2. Students will analyze the events of the Spanish-American War and World War I to determine the effects of expansionism on the course of history.

SS.8.2.1. Define the terms expansionism, imperialism, neutrality, and manifest destiny.

SS.8.2.2. Identify and describe the causes, events, and outcomes of the Spanish-American War.

SS.8.2.3. Locate and identify the countries involved in WWI on a European map.

SS.8.2.4. Analyze the causes, events, and outcomes of World War I to determine how it changed Europe and the United States forever.

SS.8.2.5. Analyze the Treaty of Versailles and the Fourteen Points to determine its impact on the European community.

SS.8.3. Students will analyze the changes that occurred during the 1920's to determine how the American lifestyle and culture were impacted.

SS.8.3.1. Define prohibition and explain its effects on American society, including speakeasies, bootlegging, political corruption, and organized crime.

SS.8.3.2. Identify the following athletes and the ways that they influenced American sports in the 1920's: Babe Ruth, Satchel Paige, and Babe Didrikson.

SS.8.3.3. Explain the development of Jazz during the 1920's, and identify important jazz musicians, including Louie Armstrong, Duke Ellington, and George Gershwin.

SS.8.3.4. Describe the technological advancements in entertainment, science, and transportation.

SS.8.3.5. Analyze the 19th Amendment to determine the ways that it changed America.

SS.8.3.6. Evaluate the Scopes trial in terms of its connection with the First Amendment of the Constitution.

SS.8.4. Students will analyze the Great Depression to determine its impact on the political and economic systems of the United States.

SS.8.4.1. Analyze the stock market crash of 1929 to determine how it influenced the state of the American economy.

SS.8.4.2. Define the term "The Great Depression" and describe its effects in both urban and rural communities.

SS.8.4.3. Identify the term Dust Bowl and describe how it affected the geography and economy of America.

SS.8.4.4. Describe the way that the relationship between citizens and government changed during this time period, as reflected in the philosophies and policies of Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt.

SS.8.4.5. List and explain some of the changes that the New Deal brought to the American political system.

SS.8.5. Students will analyze the events of the Holocaust to determine how it affected the citizens of Europe and the world.

SS.8.5.1. Define the term Anti-Semitism and explain the role it played in the Holocaust.

SS.8.5.2. Identify and explain the effectiveness of propaganda.

SS.8.5.3. Explain the economic, political, and cultural factors that allowed the Nazis and Hitler to take control of the German government.

SS.8.5.4. Describe the Nuremberg Laws and their effects on Jewish life in Europe.

SS.8.5.5. Evaluate the systematic nature of the Holocaust in terms of the planning and implementation of ghettos and concentration camps.

SS.8.5.6. Analyze other genocides throughout history to determine the power of the bystander.

SS.8.6. Students will analyze the events of WWII to determine its effects on the United States and the world.

SS.8.6.1. Describe the expansion of the German and Japanese empires across their respective continents.

SS.8.6.2. Locate and identify the Axis and Allied countries involved in WWII on a world map.

SS.8.6.3. Define the term fascism and identify the fascist leaders of WWII, including Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Benito Mussolini, and Hideki Tojo.

SS.8.6.4. Identify and explain important conflicts from WWII, including Pearl Harbor, D-Day, the Battle of the Bulge, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and VE and VJ Days.

SS.8.6.5. Identify important people and their roles in WWII, including Winston Churchill, Douglas MacArthur, Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

SS.8.6.6. Evaluate the effects of WWII on America, including rationing, women's role in our nation, and Japanese internment camps.

SS.8.6.7. Analyze the aftermath of WWII to determine its influence on the world map.

SS.8.7. Students will analyze the events of the Cold War to determine its social and political effects on the United States and the world.

SS.8.7.1. Identify terms related to this era, including Cold War, communism, Iron Curtain, United Nations, and totalitarianism.

SS.8.7.2. Describe America's domestic reaction to the Cold War, including the Red Scare and McCarthyism.

SS.8.7.3. Explain how the Cold War and the policy of containment led to the Korean War.

SS.8.7.4. Describe how the Cold War led to the Bay of Pigs invasion, the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Great Space Race.

SS.8.7.5. Identify the locations, causes, events, and outcomes of the Vietnam War.

SS.8.8. Students will examine the different ways that people fought for their rights during the 1950's and 1960's to determine how America changed during this time period.

SS.8.8.1. Describe the ways that African-Americans fought for equality and civil rights, including legislation, court cases, passive resistance, political rallies, and the NAACP.

SS.8.8.2. Explain the resistance to civil rights efforts in the South, including public protest, violence, the Jim Crow laws, and the KKK.

SS.8.8.3. Identify the major issues affecting women during this time period and explain the conflicts that these issues brought about.

SS.8.8.4. Evaluate the grievances of African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Hispanic-Americans, and Native Americans and the steps they have taken to rectify past injustices.

SS.8.8.5. Define the term assassination and explain the circumstances surrounding the assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr.

SS.8.8.6. Describe the cultural changes that occurred during the 1960's, including political protests, drugs, music, values, and lifestyles.

SS.8.9. Students will analyze the events of the 1970's through today to determine how America evolved into the country it is today and established its current role in the global community.

SS.8.9.1. Identify and describe the major political scandals of this time period, including Watergate, Clinton's impeachment, and the 2000 Presidential election.

SS.8.9.2. Describe the causes, events, and outcomes of the Gulf War.

SS.8.9.3. Identify the events of September 11 and evaluate the ways that it changed America.

SS.8.9.4. Describe United States' interactions with Middle Eastern Nations, including Afghanistan and Iraq.

SS.8.9.5. Describe the ways that scientific and technological advancements have created an Information Age, and have changed the daily lives of Americans.