

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM – GRADE 8

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS	CONTENT	SKILL	RESOURCES & TEXT ALIGNMENT	ASSESSMENT
<p>How and why did the United States industrialize during the late 1800's?</p> <p>What effects did big business have on American society?</p> <p>What was the response of government and labor to the rise of Big Business?</p> <p>How did immigration lead to urbanization and cultural change?</p> <p>What was the effect of massive immigration on the United States?</p> <p>How did the push/pull factors affect immigration?</p> <p>What specific social, political and economic problems needed reform in the late 19th century?</p>	<p>An Industrial Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Industrial Revolution ○ Mass Production ○ Big Business ○ Child Labor ○ Immigration ○ Populist Movement ○ Progressive Movement ○ Reforms ○ Women's Rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Identify the U.S. as an industrial power ● Recognize the changes in methods of production and distribution of manufactured goods ● Identify transportation, communication and industrial development and their effects on economic development from 1865-1900 ● Describe the growth of cities and related emerging problems ● Describe the rise of banking and financial institution ● Explain big business and the advantages/disadvantages of corporations ● Describe the role of government –laissez faire vs. regulation, interstate commerce ● Explain the response of labor to industrialization including child labor, role of women, working conditions, unionization ● Identify the patterns of change in agricultural activity in the U.S. and NYS ● Describe the response of farming to industrialization ● Explain the changes in the social structure ● Explain the role of immigrants in the growth of American industry and its urban areas ● Describe the immigrant experience in the U.S. and NYS ● Describe the responsibilities of citizenship and basis for citizenship ● Describe the pattern of movement as America became a mobile society ● Explain how America developed as a society of consumers and the changes in leisure activity ● Explain the reform efforts in government, politics and economics ● Explain positive and negative changes for minorities and women 	<p>NYS Gr. 8 Prior Assessment: http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/scostei/socstudies8.html</p> <p>http://www.teachingamericanhistory.org/</p> <p>Trade books: http://downloads.ncss.org/notable/notable2007.pdf</p> <p>http://edteck.com/dbq/index.htm</p> <p>http://www.free.ed.gov/</p> <p>http://www.historians.org/teaching/links.cfm</p> <p>http://future.state.gov/educators/social/</p>	<p>Create a newscast from the point of view of Muckrakers</p> <p>Debate government regulation</p> <p>Debate the pros and cons of prohibition.</p> <p>Analyze a political cartoon of the era. Write a paper explaining the role of journalists in exposing corruption</p> <p>Graph industrial and agricultural growth</p> <p>Write a persuasive article from the point of view of a political activist of the 1930's.</p> <p>Research different countries and the conditions they faced during the Great Depression.</p> <p>Use newspaper archives to examine the economic, social and political impact of the Great Depression on our community.</p> <p>Write an essay about how the 1920's were the age of intolerance toward immigrants and African Americans.</p> <p>Compare the beginning of the 20th century to the beginning of the 21st century.</p>

<p>How did the federal government help the reform movement through amendments and legislation?</p> <p>What were the causes and affects of U.S. involvement in foreign affairs at the turn of the 20th century?</p> <p>What were the domestic and foreign issues of this time period?</p> <p>What were the economic, political and social changes of the 1920's?</p> <p>What was the impact of the Great Depression?</p> <p>How did the concept of checks and balances related to the New Deal?</p> <p>How did the Versailles Treaty lead to WWII?</p> <p>How could the use of the first atomic bomb be considered a turning point in U.S. history?</p> <p>How did the U.S. help the nations of Europe after WWII?</p> <p>What was the Cold War? How was it different from previous wars?</p>	<p>The United States as an Independent Nation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nationalism ○ Imperialism ○ Spanish American War ○ U.S. in Latin America ○ Pre World War I ○ War War I ○ Bolshevik Revolution <p>The United States Between Wars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roaring Twenties ○ Prohibition ○ Republican Decade ○ Great Depression ○ New Deal <p>The United States Assumes World Wide Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Origins of War ○ Alliances ○ Failure of Peace ○ US in WW II ○ New Aspect of War ○ Home Front ○ End of War ○ Impact of War ○ Post WW II ○ Post Cold War 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Explain the growth of the U.S. during the 19th Century ● Recognize that American territorial and economic growth had widespread economic, political and social impacts ● Describe the reasons for periodizing history in different ways ● Recognize the importance of the U.S. domestic and foreign policies ● Analyze the role of the U.S. in international politics, past and present ● Compare and contrast different interpretations of key events and issues in NYS and U.S. history and offer reasons for these different accounts ● Explain the economic, social and political development of America in the period between World War I and World WAR II ● Describe the importance of the U.S. domestic and foreign policies over time ● Analyze the role played by the U.S. in international politics ● Recognize the impacts of the Great Depression on the U.S. ● Describe the economic, political and social changes that took place in the world during the 1930's ● Explain the causes and origins of World War II ● Describe how life change for millions of people during the war ● Describe the United States in WW II ● Explain the use of new technology and its impact on the people and the physical environment ● Discuss the cause and effects of WWII on the home front ● Explain how the war came to an end ● Describe the human and economic cost of the war ● Describe how the U.S. and the Soviet Union emerged in leadership roles in post WWII ● Describe the historic, political and social context in which U.S. foreign policy evolved during the post Cold War era 		<p>http://www.kn.att.com/wired/fil/pages/listdocumentpa.html</p> <p>http://www.learner.org/channel/workshops/socialstudies/session7/printouts.html</p>
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