

Teaching Unit: **North / South**
Essential Understandings

Sub Topic:
Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: **A Nation Divided**
Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: **Civil War and Reconstruction**
Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: **Civics & Government**
Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: **Election Day**
Knowledge and Skills

To be eligible to vote citizens must register.

Citizen's vote is the fundamental way to participate in our democracy.

Citizen's understanding (research) of questions and candidates prepares them to be an informed voter.

Teaching Unit: **U.S. Industrialization**
Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: **Business and Urbanization**
Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: **Civil War**

Essential Understandings

Many events over a long period of time led to the Civil War.

Even though legally free at the of the Civil War, many African Americans were kept impoverished and denied opportunities for many years to come.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

1. North-many immigrants-economy based on manufacturing
South-enslaved Africans-economy based on agriculture
Created two different ways of life
2. Underground Railroad-Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass
3. The "Compromises"--Missouri Compromise, Compromise of 1850
4. Effect of Lincoln's election
5. Terms North-Blue-Union-Yankees/South-Gray-Confederate-Southerners
6. Advantages of North:
 - factories for weapons/uniforms
 - grew most of the nation's food
 - most of the county's railroads
- Advantages of South:
 - most of the military leaders were Southerners
 - most Southerners had grown up hunting and riding horses
 - fighting on familiar ground
 - fighting to protect their homes and way of life
7. Battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg changed the course of the war in favor of the North
8. Sherman's concept of total war
9. Lee's surrender to Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia ends the war
10. Reconstruction

Teaching Unit: **Change is in the Air**

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: **A New Way of Thinking**

Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: *Industry Changes the Country-moved from Grade 5*

Essential Understandings

New inventions changed the lives of many Americans for both better and worse.

The effects these new inventions had of the development of large corporations and the growth of labor unions in our country.

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

During the late 1800s our country was known as the "invention capital of the world" because over 108,420 new inventions were created in 4 years

Inventions changed lives, Thomas Edison- the light bulb, Alexander Graham Bell-the telephone,etc.

The importance industrial giants such as Andrew Carnegie and the steel industry along with John D. Rockefeller and the oil industry

Workers organized labor unions for better working conditions

At the end of the 1800s large numbers of immigrants came to this country looking for work.

Theodore Roosevelt was a "trust-buster" who broke up trusts that used unfair business practices.

The building of the Panama Canal and its importance in connecting east and west.

Henry Ford's invention of the assembly line.

Teaching Unit: ***World War I***

Essential Understandings

World War strengthened the role of the United States as a world power and greatly changed our way of life

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Nationalism helped create the tension that started WWI

The United States entered WWI in 1917 with the sinking of the Lusitania.

The U.S. helped the Allies defeat the Central Powers in 1918 to end the war to end all wars.

Contributions on the "home front" made to the war such as women going to work in factories, doing without products to help the war effort.

The adoption of daylight savings time to help the war effort

President Woodrow Wilson creating the League of Nations

Teaching Unit: ***Biographical Studies Of Countries***

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

All countries have unique cultures and customs.

Most people will become in contact with peoples from many different nations.

The best way to understand people from other nationalities is to learn about their heritage.

It is important for US citizens to be able to work together with people from other nationalities because of the "Melting Pot" phenomenon and the world economy that we are part of.

Teaching Unit: ***World War II***

Essential Understandings

While still coping with the Great Depression, the United States is drawn into World War II after the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor

Sub Topic:

Knowledge and Skills

Causes of WW II-aggression on the Germany, Japan and Italy

Invasions by the Axis countries in Europe and Asia during the 1930s

WW II began when Hitler invaded Poland on September 1, 1939

Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941 led to U.S. entry in WW II.

Know which were the major countries of the Axis countries and the Allies

D-Day or the invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944

The United States fought this war on two fronts-Europe and Asia

WW II in Europe ended in May of 1945.

WW II ended with Japan in August of 1945 after atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki

As a result of WW II, the United States became the most powerful country in the world.

Teaching Unit: ***A New Super Power***

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: ***U.S. Becomes a World Power***

Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: ***7th Grade Stock Club***

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: ***Investments Portfolio***

Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: ***Time Machine Project***

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: ***Famous People and Time Periods***

Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: *Current Events Journal:*

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: *Monthly Journal Activity*

Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: *Real Life: College and Cars*

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: *Deals on Wheels*

Knowledge and Skills

Teaching Unit: *Survivor Japan*

Essential Understandings

Sub Topic: *Japanese Culture*

Knowledge and Skills

Japanese culture is centuries old and is in stark contrast to that of the United States.

Honor and respect are woven into the fabric of Japanese society.

The Japanese people are very ritualistic and traditional in many daily activities.

As a country Japan has been both friend and foe to the United States.

Japan has a very unique culture and is often in stark contrast to the U.S.

Japanese society is steeped in tradition and respect.