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Reconstruction		
	Presidential Reconstruction	<p>Describe Lincoln’s goals for Reconstruction and the opposition he faced in Congress.</p> <p>Identify Johnson’s plans for Reconstruction.</p> <p>Examine the impact of the creation of black codes throughout the South.</p>
	Radical Reconstruction	<p>Analyze Congress’s response to Presidential Reconstruction.</p> <p>Describe the implementation of the Reconstruction Acts in the South.</p> <p>Identify the reasons for the impeachment of President Johnson.</p>
	Constitutional Amendments	<p>Describe the impact of the Thirteenth Amendment on slavery and African Americans’ lives.</p> <p>Explain the influence of the Fourteenth Amendment on civil rights.</p> <p>Identify the impact of the Fifteenth Amendment on voting rights for African Americans.</p>
	African Americans and Reconstruction	<p>Explain reasons for increased African American participation in politics during Reconstruction.</p> <p>Examine the impact of the Freedmen’s Bureau on African Americans in the South.</p>
	The Rise of Jim Crow	<p>Analyze the impact of the Supreme Court’s decision that the Civil Rights Act of 1875 was unconstitutional.</p> <p>Describe the creation of Jim Crow laws and the effects of opposition to these laws.</p> <p>Examine the use of voting laws to disenfranchise African Americans and limit their rights.</p>
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Progressivism and Imperialism

Homesteaders and the Transcontinental Railroad

Describe the challenges faced during construction of the transcontinental railroad.

Explain at least three effects of railroad construction on the western United States.

Describe the passage of the Homestead Act and analyze its effects on the settlement of the West.

Indigenous People on a Closing Frontier

Explain the effects of westward expansion on Indigenous populations in the region.

Describe changes to federal Indian policies that occurred as a result of increased western settlement.

Identify battles fought between Indigenous peoples and the US Army, and explain the results of those conflicts.

Women Win the Right to Vote

Describe early women’s rights and suffrage movements.

Identify the contributions of individuals and groups to the women’s suffrage movement.

Describe how new legislation increased women’s political and social rights.

Social Reform in the Progressive Era

Describe societal problems during the Progressive Era.

Evaluate to what extent Progressive reforms achieved their goals.

Identify the contributions of individuals to the Progressive movement.

American Imperialism in the Pacific

Describe the factors that led the US to grow more imperialistic in the 1800s.

Describe the events surrounding the US annexation of Alaska and Hawaii.

Explain the causes and effects of the US’s growing influence in China.

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World Wars		
	Causes of World War I	<p>Describe the role of imperialism and militarism in building prewar tensions in Europe.</p> <p>Explain the connection between nationalism and the outbreak of World War I.</p> <p>Describe the significance of alliances at the outbreak of World War I.</p>
	Fighting the Great War	<p>Trace the events of German aggression and the outbreak of war.</p> <p>Analyze conditions on the battlefield during World War I.</p> <p>Describe the contributions of women and civilians to the war effort.</p> <p>Explain reasons for the US entrance into World War I.</p>
	Origins of World War II	<p>Explain how social and economic conditions in Europe influenced the outbreak of World War II.</p> <p>Explain the roles of nationalism, imperialism, and isolationism in the outbreak of World War II.</p> <p>Analyze the responses of global powers to increasing aggression by European dictators.</p>
	Winning the War in Europe	<p>Describe the turning points leading to the Allied victory in Europe.</p> <p>Explain the effects of WWII.</p> <p>Describe the events related to the Holocaust.</p> <p>Analyze the contributions of American leaders to the war.</p>
	Superpowers and the Cold War	<p>Explain the military and political alliances that were formed by superpowers and led to the Cold War.</p>

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Describe the reactions of democratic powers to the spread of communism in Europe.

Analyze the significance of technological competition between superpowers.

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Post War Issues

Postwar Prosperity

Describe the United States' economic growth after World War II.

Explain changes affecting transportation and migration.

Analyze changes to culture, population, and the family in the postwar era.

Civil Rights: Challenges and Changes

Explain early efforts to end segregation.

Explain the nonviolent movements that began in the early civil rights movement.

Analyze other responses to segregation and discrimination.

The Turbulent Sixties

Describe how Johnson's Great Society programs influenced America.

Analyze factors that led to political changes after 1968.

The Start of the Vietnam War

Explain how the Vietnam War began.

Describe how American involvement in Vietnam escalated during the 1960s.

Identify important events of the Vietnam War.

Ending the Vietnam Conflict

Describe how anti-war protests affected support for the Vietnam War.

Explain how the Vietnam War came to an end.

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Describe the political, economic, and social effects of the war.

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Modern Era

The Reagan Years

Describe political changes that occurred in the 1980s.

Analyze how economic changes affected Americans.

Identify the role of the US in major global affairs of the 1980s.

The Bush and Clinton Presidencies

Describe the foreign policy challenges facing the US during the Bush and Clinton presidencies.

Explain the effects of domestic challenges and changes during the Bush and Clinton presidencies.

Contemporary Human Rights Issues

Describe the concept of human rights.

Identify factors that affect human rights in global society.

Explain the work of individuals and organizations to defend human rights.

Describe factors that displace people from their homelands.

Global Environmental Challenges

Identify global environmental challenges.

Describe the effects of global environmental challenges.

Analyze responses to global environmental challenges.

Technology and Change

Describe the modern technological revolution.

Identify key modern technological advancements and innovations.

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Describe the impact of modern technology and innovation.

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