

## Curriculum at a Glance

### America Since '45

### Grades 11 and 12

This course will examine the major social, political, economic, and cultural developments in the U.S. since the second World War through an analysis of popular culture. Particular emphasis will also be given to major events and themes such as the Cold War, civil rights movement, the Vietnam War, changing technology and the important cultural movements which have occurred during this era. Students will have an opportunity to choose many of the topics that they study, as well as develop creative approaches to their research and presentations.

#### Essential Skills

- Annotation/Close Reading (of primary and secondary sources)
- Analyzing Visual Sources
- Individual Research
- Argumentative Writing - Thesis Development
- Source Analysis
- Questioning
- Study Skills and Note Taking
- Public Speaking/Debating/Presentation
- Listening
- Cooperative Learning
- Metacognition/Introspection

Unit Name	Essential Content
Establishing an American Identity 1945 - 1950's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● End of WWII and it's impact on American culture</li> <li>● Establishment of American Suburbia</li> <li>● Impact of the Cold War on domestic and foreign policy</li> <li>● Empowerment of American youth</li> </ul>
Civil Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Impact of the Civil Rights Movement on American culture</li> <li>● The rise of and impact of the Gay Rights Movement.</li> <li>● The evolution of the Women's Rights Movement in modern America</li> </ul>
Poisoned Dreams 1960's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Redefinition of the American Presidency</li> <li>● LBJ and the Great Society</li> <li>● The Impact of the Vietnam War on American Society</li> </ul>
Counter Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The evolution of the relationship between government and the population</li> <li>● Woodstock in the Age of Aquarius</li> <li>● 1968: The year that changed America</li> </ul>
American Malaise 1970's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The impact of Nixon and Watergate</li> <li>● Evaluation of the effectiveness of President Carter</li> </ul>
Conservative America 1980's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The impact of Ronald Reagan on American domestic and foreign policy</li> <li>● The progression of the Cold War in the modern era</li> <li>● The influence of developing technologies on American culture.</li> </ul>
Twenty Four Hour News Cycle 1990's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Exploration of America's role as a world leader</li> <li>● The impact of America's obsession with television</li> <li>● The impact of President Clinton's legacy</li> </ul>
2000 to Today	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The influence of 9/11 and the War on Terror</li> </ul>

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