

	Week	Topics By Week	Lessons By Week	Writing Tasks	
Quarter 1	1	Topic 2 England's American Colonies (1607-1754)	2.1 Southern Colonies Take Root; 2.2 New Lives in New England	Topic 2 Assessment Writing Tasks: Write a paragraph describing the various reasons why settlers were attracted to England's colonies and the characteristics that came to define each region. Use your sources on this page and what you have learned in this topic to formulate your response.	
	2		2.3 The Middle Colonies Thrive; 2.4 Immigration and Slavery in the Colonies; 2.5 Economic and Social Life in the Colonies; 2.6 Creating an American Identity; Topic 2 Assessment		
	3	Topic 3 The American Revolution (1754-1783)	3.1 The French Revolution; 3.2 Causes of the Revolution		Declaration of Independence Writing Prompt: Do you think that the Declaration clearly rationalizes independence from Great Britain? Explain your answer.
	4		3.3 The Colonists Declare Independence; 3.4 Americans Win the Revolution		
	5		3.4 Americans Win the Revolution; Topic 3 Assessment		
	6	Topic 4 Establishing the New Nation (1781-1789)	4.1 Articles of Confederation; 4.2 The Constitutional Convention; 4.3 The Enduring Constitution; Topic 4 Assessment		Topic 4 Assessment Writing Task: Summarize the hopes and fears people on each side of the ratification debate had about the new Constitution. Then, use specific evidence from the documents, along with information from this topic, to answer this question. How close do you think the Constitution came to being rejected?
	7	Topic 5 The Early Republic (1789-1840)	5.1 The New Government Finds Its Way; 5.2 Jefferson As President		Topic 5 Assessment Writing Task: Did the Monroe Doctrine express a policy of isolationism? Use your knowledge of American history and specific evidence from the primary sources to explain your answer.
	8		5.3 The War of 1812; 5.4 The Beginning of the Industrial Revolution; 5.6 Nationalism Influences Policies		
	9		5.7 Jacksonian Democracy; Topic 5 Assessment		
Fall Break					
Quarter 2	10	Topic 6 Reshaping America in the Early 1800s (1800-1860)	6.1 Moving West; 6.2 Texas and the Mexican-American War	Topic 6 Writing Task: What points of view did people have about slavery? Use information from the Topic and the documents to support your answer. Consider frames of reference, biases, and the ways people presented and justified their positions.	
	11		6.3 The Nation Expands to the Pacific; Topic 6 Assessment		
	12	Topic 7 Sectional Divisions and Civil War (1846-1865)	7.1 Slavery Divides the Nation; 7.2 Violence Escalates; 7.3 Civil War Begins		Gettysburg Address Writing Prompt: In contextualizing the Civil War, Lincoln urges listeners to recall the principles upon which the United States was founded. In the context of this article, how has America changed over time? How does Lincoln's metaphor, "a new birth of freedom" support this idea?
	13		7.4 African American and the War; Everyday Life During the War; 7.6 Key Civil War Battles		
	14		7.6 Key Civil War Battles; Impact of the Civil War; Topic 7 Assessment		
	15	Topic 8 Reconstruction (1865-1877)	8.1 Plans for Reconstruction Clash; Reconstruction Changes the South; 8.3 Reconstruction's Impact; Topic 8 Assessment		Topic 8 Assessment Writing Activity: Write a paragraph, using the primary sources, discussing the conflicting perspectives on Reconstruction.
	16	Topic 9 Industry and Immigration (1865-1914)	9.1 Innovation Boosts Growth; 9.2 Big Business Rises; 9.3 The Organized Labor Movement		Topic 9 Assessment Writing Tasks: Write a paragraph explaining which side you would have supported in the labor conflicts of this time. Use the sources as well as other sources to support your answer.
	17		9.4 The New Immigrants; 9.5 A Nation of Cities; 9.6 New Ways of Life; Topic 9 Assessment		
	18	Topic 10 Challenges in the Late 1800s (1865-1900)	10.1 American Indians Under Pressure; 10.2 The West Is Transformed; 10.3 Corruption Plagues the Nation; 10.4 Farm Issues and Populism; Topic 10 Assessment		Topic 10 Assessment Writing Activity: Write a paragraph explaining whether you think Populism was a product of its time or was addressing issues relevant to other periods of American History. Use the documents to support your answer.
19	Finals Week				
Winter Break					
Quarter 3	20	Topic 11 America Comes of Age (1890-1920)	11.1 Progressives Drive Reform; 11.2 Women Gain Rights; 11.3 Striving for Equality; 11.4 Reformers in the White House	Topic 11 Assessment Writing Activity: Using the primary sources, write a paragraph explaining whether or not you think the progressive movement's calls for government regulation of business was justified. Use the sources as well as additional information you have learned.	
	21		11.5 American Influence Grows; 11.6 The Spanish-American War; 11.7 The United States Emerges as a World Power; Topic 11 Assessment		
	22	Topic 12 World War I and the 1920s (1914-1929)	12.1 America Enters World War I; 12.2 The Home Front During World War I;		Treaty of Versailles Writing Prompt: Write a letter to the editor in which you either support or oppose U.S. entry into the war. Why?
	23		12.3 The End of World War I; 12.5 Government in the 1920s; 12.4 The Postwar Economy Booms; 12.7 The Roaring Twenties		
	24		12.8 Harlem Renaissance; 12.6 An Unsettled Society; Topic 12 Assessment		
	25	Topic 13 The Great Depression and the New Deal (1928-1941)	13.3 Causes of the Depression; 13.2 Americans Suffer; Two Presidents Respond		Topic 13 Assessment Writing Task: Write a paragraph explaining whether you think the arguments posed by the opponents or supporters of the New Deal are more persuasive. Give reasons for your opinion, supported by these documents and your text.
	26		13.4 The New Deal Expands; 13.5 Effects of the New Deal; Topic 13 Assessment		
	27	Topic 14 World War II (1931-1945)	14.2 America Debates Involvement; 14.3 The United States Enters World War II		Topic 14 Assessment Writing Task: Write a paragraph explaining whether you think Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki was justified. Use the sources as well as additional information you have learned about the bombings.
	28		14.4 War on Two Fronts; 14.5 The Home Front		
29	14.6 The Allies Win the War; 14.8 Impact of World War II; Topic 14 Assessment				
Spring Break					
Quarter 4	30	Topic 15 Postwar America (1945-1960)	15.1 The Beginning of the Cold War; 15.2 The Korean War; 15.3 The Cold War Intensifies;	Topic 15 Assessment Writing Task: Write a paragraph explaining what effect the Red Scare had on domestic policy.	
	31		15.4 Cold War Fears at Home; 15.5 Postwar Prosperity; Topic 15 Assessment		
	32	Topic 16 Civil Rights and Reform in the 1960s (1945-1968)	16.1 The Civil Rights Movement Strengthens; 16.2 The Movement Surges Forward; 16.3 Success and Setbacks		I Have A Dream Speech Writing Prompt: Why is this speech considered such an effective speech, and why was the timing of this speech significant? Consider King's word choices, his tone and delivery and the significance of where the speech was given. Also, consider the significance of the year the speech was given.
	33		16.4 Kennedy's Reforms; 16.5 Reform Under Johnson; Topic 16 Assessment		
	34	Topic 17 The Vietnam War Era (1945-1975)	17.1 The Cold War and Vietnam; 17.2 America's Role Escalates; 17.4 The War's End and Effects; Topic 17 Assessment		Topic 17 Assessment Writing Activity: Use the documents to write a paragraph explaining the political divisions that split the nation and the Democratic Party in 1968.
	35	Topic 18 An Era of Change (1960-1980)	18.1 The Counter Culture of the 1960s; 18.2 The Women's Rights Movement; 18.3 Expanding the Push for Equality; 18.4 The Environmental Movement; 18.5 The Two Sides of the Nixon Presidency; 18.6 Ford and Carter Struggle; Topic 18 Assessment		Topic 18 Assessment Writing Activity: Use the documents to write a paragraph explaining whether you think the Watergate scandal revealed strengths or weaknesses in the political system.
	36	Topic 19 America in the 1980s and 1990s (1980-1999)	19.1 The Conservative Movement Surges; 19.2 The Reagan Era; 19.2 The Cold War; 19.3 The Cold War Ends; 19.4 A New Era in Foreign Policy; 19.5 Clinton and the 1990s; Topic 19 Assessment		Topic 19 Assessment Writing Task: Using the documents, write a paragraph explaining the role that Ronald Reagan played in the end of the Cold War.
	37	Topic 20 America in the Twenty-First Century (2000-)	20.1 The George W. Bush Presidency; 20.2 The Barack Obama Presidency; Review for the Final Exam		Lesson 20.1 Writing Prompt: Discuss the events of 9/11 and how it changed the United States. Evaluate steps the United States took to secure the nation after 9/11.
	38	Finals Week			