

The United States and the Post Cold War World

Overview – The United States emerged from the Cold War as a dominant leader in world affairs amidst a globalized economy, political terrorism and the proliferation of nuclear weapons. The focus of this unit is to understand the political, national security and economy challenges our nation faces while also understanding the global interdependency that we face.

Content Statements:

32. Improved global communications, international trade, transnational business organizations, overseas competition and the shift from manufacturing to service industries have impacted the American economy.

33. The United States faced new political, national security and economic challenges in the post-Cold War World and following the attacks on September 11, 2001.

Text

Responding to Terrorism: Challenges for Democracy

Our United States History: Book 2 Centennial to the Millennium

Trends in American Life Today

The American Economy

America Around the World and at Home.

Film Documentary – 9/11

The Patriot Act

Political Cartoons

Historical Thinking and Skills

Use of primary and secondary sources of information including an examination of the credibility of each source.

Analyze cause, effect, sequence and correlation in historical events, including multiple causation and long and short term causal relations.

Socratic Seminar – whole class discuss. Topics include terrorism, freedom, and courage.

Today's Army – An American soldier's experience in Iraq