

United States History II: 1865 to the Present

Social Sciences Curriculum Guide

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- The DCPS Curriculum Guide contains key concepts and SOL numbers for each week. These skill areas must be cross referenced with the DOE Enhanced Scope and Sequence and DOE Curriculum Framework.
- Grade Level(s): 7
- Prerequisite: U. S. History I
- Course Description: 7th grade students will continue to use skills of historical and geographical analysis as they examine American history since 1865. This course of study follows the history of the United States from the end of the Reconstruction era to the present. Students continue to learn fundamental concepts in civics, economics, and geography within the context of United States history. Political, economic, and social challenges facing the nation reunited after civil war will be examined chronologically as students develop an understanding of how the American experience shaped the world political and economic landscape.

Virginia Department of Education Curriculum Frameworks

Virginia Department of Education Curriculum Standards

Nine Weeks	Approximate Number of Days Taught	Торіс	Targeted SOL
1st	4	Pre-test and Introduction to Classroom Procedures	All SOLs
1st	4	Review of Civil War Material	USI.9a-f
1st	10	The Legacies of Lincoln, Lee, and Douglass Analysis of the 13 th , 14 th , and 15 th Amendments The Reconstruction Policies of the South & the North The Rise of "Jim Crow" Laws and the African American Response	USII.1a, b, c, d USII.3a-3c USII.4c
1st	10	Geography Skills; Physical Features and Climate of the Great Plains; Westward Expansion; American Indians	USII. 1 a, b, d, f, g USII. 2a, USII.2c, USII.4a
1st	14	Immigration and Urbanization Relationships Between Natural Resources, Transportation and Industrial Development after 1865 Mechanization, New Inventions, the Rise of Big Business & Industrial Growth The Progressive Movement	USII.1 a, b, c, d, f USII.2b, USII.4b USII.4d-e, USII. 6a
1st/2nd	10	1st PBA Specific topic(s) TBD by data	TBD based on data

2nd	4	Reasons/Results of the Spanish American War; Theodore Roosevelt's Impact on Foreign Policy	USII.1 a, b, c USII.5a-b
2nd	12	World War I US Foreign Policy Following WWI	USII.1 a, c, d USII.5c
2nd	10	The Great Migration and Prohibition The Roaring Twenties Harlem Renaissance	USII.1 a, b, c, d, f USII.6b-c, USII.9c
2nd	8	The Great Depression and New Deal	USII. 1 b, c, d USII.6d
3rd	16	World War II The Holocaust War on the Homefront	USII. 1 b, c, d, f USII.7a-c, USII.9c
3rd	12	The Rebuilding of Europe & Japan World Superpowers and the Establishment of the United Nations	USII. 1 a, b, c, d, h USII.8 a, b, d, e
3rd	12	The Cold War, the Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War, the Collapse of Communism & New Challenges	USII. 1 a, b, c, d, f USII.8c
4th	10	The Civil Rights Movement	USII.9a, 9c

4th	4	The Changing Role of Women	USII.9a
4th	6	Twentieth Century Industries that Benefited from New Technologies & Their Impact on American Life Twentieth Century Foreign Policy, New Immigration Patterns, the Global Environment and other Emerging Issues	USII.1 b, c, i USII.9b, 9c USII.1 i USII.9d, 9c
4th	12	End of the Year PBA TBD based on data	TBD based on data
4th	10	Introduction to Civics	

Curriculum Information	Essential Knowledge and Skills Key Vocabulary	Essential Questions and Understandings Teacher Notes and Elaborations
SOL Reporting Category Topic: Reconstruction Virginia SOL: USII. 3	Essential Knowledge: Basic Provisions of the Amendments: • 13th • 14th • 15th Reconstruction Policies and Problems	Essential Questions: What are the basic provisions of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States? What were the Reconstruction policies for the South? What were the lasting impacts of the actions of Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee,
 a.) analyzing the impact of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. b.) describing the impact of Reconstruction policies on the South and North. 	End of Reconstruction Abraham Lincoln Robert E Lee	and Frederick Douglass? Essential Understandings The 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America address the issues of slavery and guarantee equal protection under the law for all citizens.
c.) describing the legacies of Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, and Frederick Douglass.	Essential Skills: Analyze and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of events and life in United States history. (USII.1a)	The Reconstruction policies were harsh and created problems in the South. Reconstruction attempted to give meaning to the freedom that former enslaved African Americans had achieved. The actions of Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, and Frederick Douglass created lasting impacts.
	Make connections between the past and the present. (USII.1b) Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c)	Teacher Notes and Elaborations Resources

Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (USII.1d)	

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SOL Reporting Category Topic:	Essential Knowledge: Physical Features and Climate of the Great Plains	Essential Questions: How did people's perceptions and use of the Great Plains change after the Civil War?
Geography, Great Plains, and American Indians	Inventions and Adaptations	How did people adapt to life in challenging environments?
Virginia SOL: USII. 2 a.) explaining how physical features and climate influenced the movement of people westward. c.) locating the 50 states and the cities most significant to the historical development of the United States.	States Grouped by Region: Northeast Southeast Midwest Southwest Rocky Mountain Pacific Non-contiguous	What is one way of grouping the 50 states? What are some examples of cities that historically have had political, economic, and/or cultural significance to the development of the United States? Why did westward expansion occur after the Civil War? How did the lives of American Indians change with western expansion?
USII.4 a.) identifying the reasons for westward expansion, including its impact on American Indians.	Major Cities that Contributed to the Growth of the US Reasons for Increased Westward Expansion Impact on American Indians	Essential Understandings During the nineteenth century, people's perceptions and use of the Great Plains changed. Technological advances allowed people to live in more challenging environments. A state is an example of a political region. States may be grouped as part of different regions, depending upon the criteria used. Cities serve as centers of trade and have political, economic, and/or cultural significance.

Essential Skills:	New opportunities and technological advances led to westward migration
Analyze and interpret primary and	following the Civil War.
secondary source documents to	
increase understanding of events and	
life in United States history. (USII.1a)	Teacher Notes and Elaborations
Analyze and interpret maps that	
include major physical features.	Resources
(USII.1f)	
Interpret ideas and events from	
different historical perspectives.	
(USII.1d)	
(OSII.1u)	

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SOL Reporting Category	Essential Knowledge:	Essential Questions:
Topic:	Transportation of Resources	How did advances in transportation link resources, products, and markets?
Immigration, Urbanization, and Industrialization	Examples of Manufacturing Areas • Textile • Automobile	What are some examples of manufacturing areas that were located near centers of population?
Virginia SOL: USII. 2	• Steel	Why did immigration increase?
b.) explaining relationships among natural resources, transportation,	Reasons for Increased Immigration	Why did cities grow and develop?
and industrial development after 1865	Reasons Why Cities Grew and Developed	What challenges faced Americans as a result of these social and technological changes?
USII. 4 b.) explaining the reasons for the	Efforts to Solve Immigration Problems	What inventions created great change and industrial growth in the United States?
increase in immigration, growth of cities, and challenges arising from	Discrimination Against Immigrants	What created the rise in big business?
this expansion. d.) explaining the impact of new	Challenges Faced by Cities	What factors caused the growth of industry?
inventions, the rise of big business, the growth of industry, and life on	Inventions that Contributed to Great	How did industrialization and the rise in big business influence life on American farms?
American farms. e.) describing the impact of the Progressive Movement on child	Change and Industrial Growth	How did the reforms of the Progressive Movement change the United States?
labor, working conditions, the rise of organized labor, women's	Reasons for the Rise and Prosperity of Big Business	How did workers respond to the negative effects of industrialization?
suffrage, and the temperance movement	Factors that Resulted in the Growth of Industry	How was social and economic life in the early twentieth century different from that in the late nineteenth century?

USII. 6	Examples of Big Business	What factors increased factory and labor productivity?
a.) explaining how developments	Railroads	what factors increased factory and fabor productivity:
in factory and labor productivity,	• Oil	Essential Understandings:
	~ .	Advances in transportation linked resources, products, and markets.
transportation (including the use of	• Steel	Travances in transportation innear resources, products, and markets.
the automobile), communication,		Manufacturing areas were clustered near centers of population.
and rural electrification changed	Postwar Changes in Farm and City	Wandfacturing areas were clustered fiear centers of population.
American life and standard of	Life	Population changes, growth of cities, and new inventions produced interaction
living		
	Negative Effects of Industrialization	and often conflict between different cultural groups.
	 Child labor 	
	Low wages	Population changes, growth of cities, and new inventions produced problems in
	 Long hours 	urban areas.
	 Unsafe working conditions 	
		Between the Civil War and World
	Rise of Organized Labor	War I, the United States was transformed from an agricultural to an industrial
	-	nation.
	Progressive Movement Reforms	
		Inventions had both positive and negative effects on society.
	Women's Suffrage	
		The effects of industrialization led to the rise of organized labor and important
	Temperance Movement	workplace reforms.
	Temperance movement	
	Results of Improved Transportation	Technology extended progress into all areas of American life, including
	Results of Improved Transportation	neglected rural areas.
	Invention of the Airplane	
	invention of the Airplane	Teacher Notes and Elaborations
	Lice of the Assembly Line	
	Use of the Assembly Line	
	Communication Changes	
	Communication Changes	Resources
	Electrification	
	Electrification	

 Essential Skills:
Make connections between the past
and the present. (USII.1b)
and the present (SSILTS)
Sequence events in United States
history. (USII.1c)
Analyze and interpret maps that
include major physical features.
(USII.1f)
Analyze and interpret primary and
secondary source documents to
increase understanding of events and
life in United States history. (USII.1a)

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SOL Reporting Category Topic: Spanish American War Virginia SOL: USII. 5 a.) explaining the reasons for and results of the Spanish American War b.) describing Theodore Roosevelt's impact on the foreign policy of the United States	Essential Knowledge: Reasons for the Spanish American War Results of the Spanish American War The Roosevelt Corollary and Monroe Doctrine Essential Skills: Analyze and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of events and life in United States history. (USII.1a) Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c) Make connections between the past and the present. (USII.1b)	Essential Questions: What were the reasons for the Spanish American War? What were the results of the Spanish American War? What were Theodore Roosevelt's foreign polices? What was Theodore Roosevelt's impact on the foreign policy of the United States? Essential Understandings The United States emerged as a world power as a result of victory over Spain in the Spanish American War. Economic interests and public opinion often influence United States involvement in international affairs. Roosevelt expanded the Monroe Doctrine as a way to prevent European involvement in the affairs of Latin American countries. Teacher Notes and Elaborations Resources

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SOL Reporting Category Topic: World War I Virginia SOL: USII. 5 c.) explaining the reasons for the United States' involvement in World War I and its international leadership role at the conclusion of the war	Essential Knowledge: Reasons for the United States' Involvement in WWI Major Allied Powers Central Powers Essential Skills: Analyze and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of events and life in United States history. (USII.1a) Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (USII.1d)	Essential Questions: What were the reasons for the United States' becoming involved in World War I? Who were the Allies? Who were the Central Powers? In what ways did the United States provide international leadership at the conclusion of the war? Essential Understandings: The United States' involvement in World War I ended a long tradition of avoiding involvement in European conflicts and set the stage for the United States to emerge as a global superpower later in the twentieth century. There were disagreements about the extent to which the United States should participate in world affairs. Teacher Notes and Elaborations Resources

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SOL Reporting Category:	Essential Knowledge: Results of Prohibition	Essential Questions:		
Topic:	Results of Prohibition	What was prohibition, and how effective was it?		
The Great Migration, Roaring '20's, and Harlem Renaissance	Great Migration North and West	Why did African Americans migrate to northern cities?		
Virginia SOL:	Cultural Climate of the 1920's and 1930's	What were the economic changes during the early twentieth century?		
USII. 6 b.)describing the social and	Harlem Renaissance	Who were the leaders in art, literature, and music during the 1920s and 1930s?		
economic changes that took place, including prohibition and the Great	Science	What were the contributions of these leaders?		
Migration north and west. c.) examining art, literature, and	Culture	How did the Harlem Renaissance influence American life?		
music from the 1920s and 1930s, with emphasis on Langston Hughes, Duke Ellington, Georgia	Academics	How have representative citizens influenced America scientifically, culturally, academically, and economically?		
O'Keeffe, and the Harlem Renaissance	Economics	Essential Understandings: Reforms in the early twentieth century could not legislate how all people		
USII.9	Essential Skills: Interpret ideas and events from	behaved.		
c.) identifying representative citizens from the time period who	different historical perspectives. (USII.1d)	Economic conditions and violence led to the migration of people.		
have influenced America scientifically, culturally,	Analyze and interpret maps that	The 1920s and 1930s were important decades for American art, literature, and music.		
academically, and economically.	include major physical features. (USII.1f)	music.		

Analyze and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of events and life in United States history. (USII.1a)	The leaders of the Harlem Renaissance drew upon the heritage of African American culture to establish themselves as powerful forces for cultural change. Representative citizens have influenced America scientifically, culturally, academically, and economically.
Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c)	Teacher Notes and Elaborations:
	Resources:

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SOL Reporting Category: Topic: The Great Depression and New Deal Virginia SOL: USII. 6 d.) identifying the causes of the Great Depression, its impact on Americans, and the major features of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal.	Essential Knowledge: Causes of the Great Depression Impact on Americans Major Features of the New Deal Essential Skills: Make connections between the past and the present. (USII.1b) Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (USII.1d)	Essential Questions: What were the causes of the Great Depression? How were the lives of Americans affected by the Great Depression? What were the major features of the New Deal? Essential Understandings: The optimism of the 1920s concealed problems in the American economic system and attitudes about the role of government in controlling the economy. The Great Depression had a widespread and severe impact on American life. Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal used government programs to help the nation recover from the Depression. Teacher Notes and Elaborations: Resources:		

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SOL Reporting Category:	Essential Knowledge:	Essential Questions:		
	Causes of World War II:	How did post-World War I Europe set the stage for World War II?		
Topic:	 Political instability 			
World War II and the Holocaust	throughout Europe	How did the rise of fascism affect world events following World War I?		
	 Rise of Fascism 			
Virginia SOL:		How did American policy toward events in Europe and Asia change over time?		
USII.7	The Allies			
a.) identifying the causes and		What were the major events and turning points of World War II?		
events that led to American	Gradual Change in American Policy			
involvement in the war, including	from Neutrality to Direct Involvement	What was the Holocaust?		
the attack on Pearl Harbor.				
b.) locating and describing the	War in the Pacific	How did Americans at home support the war effort?		
major events and turning points of				
the war in Europe and the Pacific.	Major Events and Turning Points of	What effect did the war have on race relations in America?		
c.) describing the impact of the	WWII			
war on the home front		How have representative citizens influenced America scientifically, culturally,		
Hall o	The Holocaust	academically, and economically?		
USII. 9				
c.) identifying representative	American Involvement in WWII	Essential Understandings:		
citizens from the time period who	Brought an End to the Great	Political and economic conditions in Europe following World War I led to the		
have influenced America	Depression	rise of fascism and to World War II.		
scientifically, culturally,				
academically, and economically.	Science	The rise of fascism threatened peace in Europe and Asia.		
	Culture			
	Academics	As conflict grew in Europe and Asia, American foreign policy evolved from		
	Economics	neutrality to direct involvement.		

Essential Skills: Make connections between the past and the present. (USII.1b) Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c) Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (USII.1d) Analyze and interpret maps that include major physical features. (USII.1f)	Despite initial Axis success in both Europe and the Pacific, the Allies persevered and ultimately defeated Germany and Japan. The Holocaust is an example of prejudice and discrimination taken to the extreme. World War II affected every aspect of American life. Americans were asked to make sacrifices in support of the war effort and the ideals for which Americans fought. Representative citizens have influenced America scientifically, culturally, academically, and economically. Teacher Notes and Elaborations: Resources:

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SOL Reporting Category:	Essential Knowledge:	Essential Questions:		
	Rebuilding Efforts:	How did the United States help rebuild postwar Europe and Japan?		
Topic:	 Marshall Plan 			
Post-World War II	Berlin Wall	What contributed to the prosperity of Americans following World War II?		
	 Japanese Occupation 			
Virginia SOL:		What factors led to changing patterns of society in the post-World War II era?		
USII. 8	Establishing the United Nations			
a.) describing the rebuilding of		What policies and programs expanded educational and employment		
Europe and Japan after World War	Reasons for Rapid Growth in the	opportunities for the military, women, and minorities?		
II, the emergence of the United	United States			
States as a superpower, and the		How has globalization impacted American life?		
establishment of the United	Factors Leading to Changing Patterns			
Nations	in the United States	Essential Understandings:		
b.) describing the conversion from		Learning from the mistakes of the past, the United States accepted its role as a		
a wartime to a peacetime economy	Policies and Programs Expanding	world superpower, helping to rebuild Europe and Japan and taking the leading		
d.) describing the changing	Educational and Employment	role in establishing the United Nations.		
patterns of society, including	Opportunities			
expanded educational and	arr and a	Following World War II, Americans prospered due to an expanding economy		
economic opportunities for	Impact of Globalization on American	stimulated by America's involvement in the war.		
military veterans, women, and	Life			
minorities		Changing patterns in American society since the end of World War II changed		
e.) describing how international	Essential Skills:	the way most Americans lived and worked.		
trade and globalization have	Analyze and interpret primary and			
impacted American life.	secondary source documents to	Between the end of World War II and the present, the world has been marked by		
	increase understanding of events and	an increase in globalization and interdependence.		
	life in United States history. (USII.1a)	*		

Make connections between the past and the present. (USII.1b)	Teacher Notes and Elaborations:
Sequence events in United States history. (USII.1c)	Resources:
Interpret ideas and events from different historical perspectives. (USII.1d)	
Interpret slogans and documents. (USII.1h)	
Identify the costs and benefits of specific choices made, including the consequences, both intended and unintended, of the decisions and how people and nations responded to positive and negative incentives. (USII.1i)	

Curriculum Information	Essential Knowledge and Skills Key Vocabulary	Essential Questions and Understandings Teacher Notes and Elaborations		
SOL Reporting Category:	Essential Knowledge:	Essential Questions:		
Topic:	Origins of the Cold War	How and why did the Cold War begin?		
The Cold War	Major Conflicts in the Post-WWII Era • Korean War	What have been the major conflicts and confrontations involving America in the post-World War II era?		
Virginia SOL: USII. 8 c.) identifying the role of	Cuban Missile CrisisVietnam War	How did Cold War tensions cause divisiveness at home?		
America's military and veterans in defending freedom during the Cold	Collapse of Communism in Europe	How did communism collapse in Europe?		
War, including the wars in Korea and Vietnam, the Cuban missile	New Challenges	How were the challenges after the Cold War different from earlier challenges?		
crisis, the collapse of communism	Essential Skills:	Essential Understandings:		
in Europe, and the rise of new challenges	Analyze and interpret primary and secondary source documents to increase understanding of events and	The United States and the Soviet Union emerged from World War II as world powers, triggering a rivalry over ideology and national security.		
	life in United States history. (USII.1a)	Since World War II, the United States has been directly involved in various conflicts that reflected the divisions created by Cold War tensions and hostilities.		
	Make connections between the past			
	and the present. (USII.1b)	The tension between the free world and the communist world caused divisiveness at home and abroad.		
	Sequence events in United States			
	history. (USII.1c)	The Cold War was the central organizing principle in foreign affairs for 40 years.		
	Interpret ideas and events from			
	different historical perspectives. (USII.1d)			

Analyze and interpret maps that include major physical features. (USII.1f)	Teacher Notes and Elaborations:
	Resources:

SOL Reporting Category: Topic: Civil Rights Movement	Curriculum Information	Essential Knowledge and Skills Key Vocabulary	Essential Questions and Understandings Teacher Notes and Elaborations	
	Topic: Civil Rights Movement Virginia SOL: USII. 9 a.) examining the Civil Rights Movement and the changing role of women. c.) identifying representative citizens from the time period who have influenced America scientifically, culturally,	Some Effects of Segregation Civil Rights Movement Changing Role of Women Science Charles Drew: Medicine (plasma) J. Robert Oppenheimer: Physics (Manhattan Project team) Culture Frank Lloyd Wright: Architecture Martha Graham: Dance Academics Henry Louis Gates: History Maya Angelou: Literature Economics Bill Gates: Computer technology (Microsoft) Ray Kroc: Franchising (McDonald's)	What were some effects of segregation on American society? How did the African American struggle for equality become a mass movement? How did the law support the struggle for equality for African Americans? How were women disadvantaged in the workplace? What actions were taken to improve conditions for women? How have representative citizens influenced America scientifically, culturally, academically, and economically? Essential Understandings: The Civil Rights Movement resulted in legislation that ensured constitutional rights to all citizens of the United States regardless of race. Women activists were inspired by the achievements of the Civil Rights Movement and took action to gain equality for women, particularly in the workplace. Representative citizens have influenced America scientifically, culturally, academically, and economically	

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SOL Reporting Category:	Essential Knowledge:	Essential Questions:	
Tonio	Industries Benefiting From New	Which industries benefited the most from the new technologies?	
Topic:	Technology		
The Twentieth Century		What impact did new technologies have on American life?	
	Impact of New Technologies on		
Virginia SOL:	American Life	How have new technologies in communication, entertainment, and business	
USII. 9		affected American life?	
b.) describing the development of	Foreign Policy		
new technologies in		How have American foreign policy, immigration policies, energy policies, and	
communication, entertainment, and	Immigration	environmental policies affected people both in the United States and in other	
business and their impact on		countries?	
American life.	Global Environment		
d.) examining American foreign		Essential Understandings:	
policy, immigration, the global	Essential Skills:	After the war, Americans turned their energies to the development of peacetime	
environment, and other emerging	Make connections between the past	technologies.	
issues.	and the present. (USII.1b)		
		New technologies in communication, entertainment, and business have	
	Sequence events in United States	dramatically affected American life.	
	history. (USII.1c)	<u> </u>	
	motory. (Cont.10)	American foreign policy, immigration policies, energy policies, and	
	Identify the costs and benefits of	environmental policies affect people both in the United States and in other	
	specific choices made, including the	countries.	
	1 1	countries.	
	consequences, both intended and	Teacher Notes and Elaborations:	
	unintended, of the decisions and how	Toucher Notes and Liaborations.	
	people and nations responded to		
	positive and negative incentives.		
	(USII.1i)	Resources:	