

U.S. History Part II – Diocese of Fall River Middle School Social Studies Learning Outcomes

Civil War - Present
1. Describe the rapid growth of slavery in the South after 1800 and analyze slave life and resistance on plantations and farms across the South, as well as the impact of the cotton gin on the economics of slavery and Southern agriculture.
2. Summarize the growth of the American education system and Horace Mann's campaign for free compulsory public education.
3. Describe the formation of the abolitionist movement, the roles of various abolitionists, and the response of southerners and northerners to abolitionism.
4. Describe important religious trends that shaped antebellum America,
5. Analyze the goals and effect of the antebellum women's suffrage.
6. Describe how the different economies and cultures of the North and South contributed to the growing importance of sectional politics in the early 19 th century.
7. Summarize the critical developments leading to the Civil War.
8. Ascertain Abraham Lincoln's views on slavery, and the political obstacles he encountered.
9. Analyze the roles and policies of various Civil War leaders and describe the importance of Civil War battles and events.
10. Provide examples of the various effects of the Civil War.
11. Explain the policies and consequences of Reconstruction.
12. Explain the various causes and important consequences of the Industrial Revolution.
13. Describe the causes of the immigration of Southern and Eastern Europeans, and Chinese, Korean, and Japanese to America in the late 19 th and early 20 th century, and describe the major roles of these immigrants in the industrialization of America.
14. Analyze the causes of the continuing westward expansion of the American people after the Civil War and the impact of this migration on the Native Americans.
15. Analyze the post-Civil War struggles of African Americans and women to gain basic civil rights.
16. Explain the formation and goals of unions as well as the rise of radical political parties during the Industrial era.
17. Analyze the causes and course of America's growing role in world affairs from the Civil War to World War I.
18. Explain the course and significance of President Wilson's wartime diplomacy including his Fourteen Points, the League of Nations, and the failure of the Versailles Treaty.
19. Identify the origins of Progressivism and important accomplishments of Progressivism.
20. Describe the various causes and consequences of the Great Depression.
21. Analyze the important policies, institutions, and personalities of the New Deal era.
22. Analyze the causes of WWII and summarize the major battles and events of the war.
23. Explain the reasons for the dropping of atom bombs on Japan and its short and long-term effects.
24. Detail important domestic events that took place during World War II.

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25. Analyze the factors that contributed to the Cold War and describe the policy of containment as America's response to Soviet expansionist policies.
26. Comprehend the causes and consequences of important domestic Cold War trends.
27. Analyze the roots of domestic anti-communism as well as the origins and consequences of McCarthyism.
28. Explain the causes, course, and consequences of the Vietnam War and summarize the diplomatic and military policies of Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.
29. Detail the origins, goals, and key events of the Civil Rights movement and describe its accomplishments.
30. Analyze the causes and course of the women's rights movement in the 1960s and 1970s.
31. Analyze the important domestic policies and events that took place during the presidencies of Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon.
32. Appraise the presidency of Ronald Reagan.
33. Describe some of the major economic and social trends of the late 20 th century.
34. Analyze the important domestic policies and events of the Clinton presidency.
35. Explain the importance of the 2000 presidential election.
36. Recognize the course and consequences of America's recent diplomatic initiatives.
37. Identify important current events in America and the world.