Curriculum Design		
Content Area: Social Studies		
Со	urse Title: Social Studies	Grade Level: 7
	Unit 1-Road to the Revolution	4 Weeks
	Unit 2-The American Revolution	4 Weeks
	Unit 3-Confederation to Constitution	4 Weeks
	Unit 4-Launching a New Republic	4 Weeks
	Unit 5-The Jefferson Era	4 Weeks
	Unit 6-National and Regional Growth	4 Weeks
	Unit 7-The Age of Jackson	4 Weeks
	Unit 8-Manifest Destiny	4 Weeks

Unit 9-A New Spirit of Change	4 Weeks
Unit 10-A Nation Breaking Apart	4 Weeks
Unit 11-The Civil War	4 Weeks
Unit 12-Research	On Going
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# **Content Area:** Social Studies

Unit 1 Title: The Road to Revolution

**Grade Level:** 7

### **Unit Summary**

- Colonists saw British efforts to increase control over them as a violation of their rights and began to organize opposition.
- Tensions led to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.
- Americans decided to declare their independence from Britain.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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# **Learning Targets**

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- Disputes over political authority and economic issues contributed to a movement for independence in the colonies.
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CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
6.1.8.A.3.a	Examine the ideals found in the Declaration of Independence, and assess the

	extent to which they were fulfille Americans during this time period	d for women, African Americans, and Native d.
6.1.8.A.3.b	consent of the governed, rule of I	fundamental principles of the Constitution (i.e., aw, federalism, limited government, separation and individual rights) in establishing a federal th and change over time.
6.1.8.A.3.f	Explain how political parties were perspectives regarding the role as	e formed and continue to be shaped by differing nd power of federal government.
6.1.8.B.3.b		ne geography of the United States influenced the gress and federalism by examining the New
6.1.8.B.3.d	Explain why New Jersey's location Revolution.	n played an integral role in the American
WHST6-8.5	writing as needed by planning, re	from peers and adults, develop and strengthen vising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new purpose and audience have been addressed.
RH6-8.2		formation of a primary or secondary source; the source distinct from prior knowledge or
RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words vocabulary specific to domains re	and phrases as they are used in a text, including elated to history/social studies.
Unit Essentia	l Questions	Unit Enduring Understandings

- Describe how people might feel about not having a say in rules they must follow.
- Predict what may happen when the British do not listen to the Colonist.
- Explain how people can express their dissatisfaction to their governing body.

# Enduring Understandings

- Colonists saw British control as a violation of their rights.
- Colonists organized to oppose the British.
- Dissatisfaction led to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

# **Evidence of Learning**

### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- **Section Quizzes**
- American History Unit Exam

Equipment needed: SmartBoard, Internet

**Teacher Resources:** McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

# **Formative Assessments**

- Teacher questions will be utilized to check for daily understanding
- Writing tasks at the beginning or end of class
- Monitor cooperative group discussions

- Peer evaluations and critiques of student Quiz writing
- Teacher periodically check student projects under construction

- Menus
- **Choice Boards**
- Tiered Assignments
- Partner work
- Leveled Texts
- Flexible grouping
- Individualizing lessons
- Compacting
- Varying question levels

### **Unit 2 Overview**

**Content Area: Social Studies** 

Unit 2 Title: The American Revolution

**Grade Level: 7** 

# **Unit Summary**

- Although the Continental Army had difficulty fighting in a divided America, the Patriots triumphed at Saratoga.
- The expansion of the war weakened the British by forcing them to spread their resources.
- The Colonial Army, Allies and American people brought about an American victory.
- America emerged from the war as a unified people who valued the ideal of liberty.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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6.1.8.C.3.a	Explain how taxes and government regulation can affect economic opportunities, and assess the impact of these on relations between Britain and its North American colonies.
6.1.8.C.3.b	Summarize the effect of inflation and debt on the American people and the response of state and national governments during this time.
6.1.8.C.3.c	Evaluate the impact of the cotton gin and other innovations on the institution of slavery and on the economic and political development of the country.
WHST6-8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.
RH6-8.2	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.

- List possible hidden weaknesses of a strong nation.
- Predict factors that helped determine the outcome of the Revolutionary War.

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- A strong nation's resources can be spread to the point of weakening during war.
- British and Hessian soldiers fought for pay; no widespread support for the war in Britain; generals were disunited; orders from London took months as did rations.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

**Equipment needed:** SmartBoard, Internet

**Teacher Resources:** McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

# **Formative Assessments**

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- Teacher periodically check student projects under construction
- Writing tasks at the beginning or end of class
- Monitor cooperative group discussions
- Quiz

- Menus
- **Choice Boards**
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- Varying question levels

Unit 3 Title: Confederation to Constitution

**Grade Level:** 7

# **Unit Summary**

- The Articles of Confederation created a weak national government.
- The Constitution created a new, stronger government that replaced the Articles of Confederation.
- America's liberties are protected by the U.S. Constitution and a Bill of Rights.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
6.1.8.D.3.a	Explain how the consequences of the Seven Years War, changes in British policies toward American colonies, and responses by various groups and individuals in the North American colonies led to the American Revolution
6.1.8.D.3.b	Explain why the Declaration of Independence was written and how its key principles evolved to become unifying ideas of American democracy.
6.1.8.D.3.c	Analyze the impact of George Washington as general of the American revolutionary forces and as the first president of the United States.
6.1.8.D.3.d	Analyze how prominent individuals and other nations contributed to the causes, execution, and outcomes of the American Revolution.

- What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation?
- Why was there a call for the Constitutional Convention?
- Why did the federalists support ratification of the Constitution and anti-federalists oppose it?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- It was too weak to deal with most national issues.
- Delegates wanted to create national trade laws.
- The anti-federalists thought it would take too much power away from the states and did not guarantee rights of the people.

# **Evidence of Learning**

# **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

**Equipment needed:** SmartBoard, Internet

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#### **Unit 4 Overview**

**Content Area:** Social Studies

Unit 4 Title: Launching a New Republic

**Grade Level: 7** 

### **Unit Summary**

- George Washington and his advisors faced many challenges during his presidency.
- Washington established central authority at home and avoided war abroad.
- The Federalists dominated politics during the presidency of John Adams.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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# **Learning Targets**

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CPI # Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)		Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
	6.1.8.A.3.e	Explain how and why constitutional civil liberties were impacted by acts of
		government (i.e., Alien and Sedition Acts) during the Early Republic.

6.1.8.D.3.d	Analyze how prominent individual execution, and outcomes of the A	Ils and other nations contributed to the causes, American Revolution.
6.1.8.D.3.e	farmers, urban craftsmen, northe	es of various socioeconomic groups (e.g., rural ern merchants, and southern planters), African d women during the American Revolution, and e impacted by the war.
6.1.8.D.3.f		es how the terms of the Treaty of Paris affected ve Americans and with European powers that
6.1.8.D.3.g		leadership and decisions of early administrations the goals established in the Preamble of the
RH6-8.2		formation of a primary or secondary source; the source distinct from prior knowledge or
RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words vocabulary specific to domains re	and phrases as they are used in a text, including lated to history/social studies.
Unit Essentia	l Questions	Unit Enduring Understandings

- Describe the decisions made by Washington and Congress that established precedents for later years.
- Describe the Northwest Territory and the Whiskey Rebellion.
- What were the main issues behind Adam's presidency and the conflict over states' rights?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- His ideas lasted well into the future.
- The NW Territory is bounded by the Miss. and Ohio Rivers as well as the Great Lakes.
- Adam's chief rival, Jefferson, was his vicepresident.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

Equipment needed: SmartBoard, Internet

Teacher Resources: McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

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# **Unit 5 Overview**

**Content Area:** Social Studies

Unit 5 Title: The Jefferson Era

**Grade Level: 7** 

# **Unit Summary**

- The Nation doubled in size when Jefferson acquired the Louisiana Purchase.
- The Nation gained confidence and respect as a result of the War of 1812.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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- The fundamental principles of the United States Constitution serve as the foundation of the United States government today.
- Westward movement, industrial growth, increased immigration, the expansion of slavery, and the development of transportation systems increased regional tensions.

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6.1.8.B.4.a	Assess the impact of the Louisian expansion and economic develop	a Purchase and western exploration on the ment of the United States
6.1.8.C.4.b	Explain how major technological transportation, as well as the eco	developments revolutionized land and water nomy, in New Jersey and nation.
WHST6-8.5	writing as needed by planning, re	from peers and adults, develop and strengthen vising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new purpose and audience have been addressed.
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- How might a large territory strengthen a country?
- How might it weaken a government?
- What challenges did Jefferson face after his election?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- It provided more resources and land.
- There was a lot more area to oversee and it was costly.
- Jefferson had to contend with weak defenses.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- <u>American History</u> Unit Exam

Equipment needed: SmartBoard, Internet

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#### **Unit 6 Overview**

**Content Area: Social Studies** 

Unit 6 Title: National and Regional Growth

**Grade Level:** 7

# **Unit Summary**

- New industry and invention changed the way people lived and worked in the 1800's.
- The invention of the cotton gin and the demand for cotton caused slavery to spread in the south.
- Tension grew between the North and the South.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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# **Content Statements**

• Westward movement, industrial growth, increased immigration, the expansion of slavery, and the development of transportation systems increased regional tensions.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
6.1.8.C.4.c	Analyze how technological innovations affected the status and social class of different groups of people, and explain the outcomes that resulted.
6.1.8.D.4.b	Explore efforts to reform education, women's rights, slavery, and other issues during the Antebellum period.

Explain the growing resistance to slavery and New Jersey's role in the Underground Railroad.	
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- What new inventions have significantly affected American history?
- Why did slavery spread?
- How do you show pride and loyalty in the place you live?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Steam engine, cotton gin, telegraph, steamboat, and photography inventions have impacted American history.
- Slavery spread as a source of free labor to meet demands for products.
- Defending our homes and promoting our citizens' well being show national pride.

# **Evidence of Learning**

# **Summative Assessment**

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- American History Unit Exam

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# **Unit 7 Overview**

**Content Area:** Social Studies

Unit 7 Title: The Age of Jackson

**Grade Level: 7** 

### **Unit Summary**

- Andrew Jackson's election to presidency opened a new era of popular democracy in 1828.
- Native Americans were forced to move west.
- After Jackson left office his policies caused the economy to collapse and affected the next election.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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#### **Content Statements**

• Westward movement, industrial growth, increased immigration, the expansion of slavery, and the development of transportation systems increased regional tensions.

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	provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.	
RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.	
6.1.8.C.4.a	Analyze the debates involving the National Bank, uniform currency, and tariffs, and determine the extent to which each of these economic tools met the economic challenges facing the new nation.	
6.1.8.A.4.c	Assess the extent to which voting rights were expanded during the Jacksonian period.	

- How might a nation change after it elects a new leader?
- Predict effects of Jackson's policies on Native Americans.
- How do a government's economic policies affect the daily lives of people?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- They must now adhere to the new leader's policies.
- Native Americans were forced to move west.
- There could be financial impacts when new policies are invoked.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

**Equipment needed:** SmartBoard, Internet

**Teacher Resources:** McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

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#### **Unit 8 Overview**

Content Area: Social Studies
Unit 8 Title: Manifest Destiny

**Grade Level: 7** 

# **Unit Summary**

- Many followed trails west to settle land and make their fortunes.
- Texas revolts and wins independence from Mexico in 1836.
- America expands the nation across the continent.
- In 1848 gold is discovered in California leading to population increase and statehood.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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# **Learning Targets**

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- Westward movement, industrial growth, increased immigration, the expansion of slavery, and the development of transportation systems increased regional tensions.
- The Civil War resulted from complex regional differences involving political, economic, and social issues, as well as different views on slavery.
- The Civil War and Reconstruction had a lasting impact on the development of the United States.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
WHST6-8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new	
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RH6-8.2	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.	
RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.	
6.1.8.A.4.b	Analyze how the concept of Manifest Destiny influenced the acquisition of land through annexation, diplomacy, and war.	
6.1.8.B.4.b	Map territorial expansion and settlement, as well as the locations of conflicts with and removal of Native Americans.	
6.1.8.B.5.a	Assess the role of various factors (i.e., geography, natural resources, demographics, transportation, leadership, and technology) that affected the course and outcome of the Civil War.	
6.1.8.D.4.a	Analyze the push-pull factors that led to increases in immigration, and explain why ethnic and cultural conflicts resulted.	
6.1.8.B.3.a	Assess how conflicts and alliances among European countries and Native American groups impacted the expansion of the American colonies.	

- When people seek new opportunities, what do they leave behind?
- What challenges do people face when moving?
- Why take on a new challenge?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- The security of what you know is often left behind when you take on a challenge.
- When you move you encounter the unknown.
- Americans have a great sense of adventure to take on new challenges.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

Equipment needed: SmartBoard, Internet

Teacher Resources: McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

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- Leveled Texts
- Flexible grouping
- Individualizing lessons
- Compacting
- Varying question levels

Unit 9 Title: A New Spirit of Change

**Grade Level:** 7

# **Unit Summary**

- In the mid 1800's millions of Europeans came to America in search of a better life.
- 19<sup>th</sup> century religious revivals launched reforms to education.
- Social campaigns to gain freedom for slaves and equality for women were closely linked.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

21st Century Themes 9.1: This unit will also infuse the 21st Century Life & Careers standard 9.1, strands A-D. These strands include: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; Creativity and Innovation; Collaboration, Teamwork and Leadership and Cross Cultural Understanding and Interpersonal Communication.

Career Ready Practices- CRP1- Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee. CRP2-Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP 4- Communication clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP5- Consider the environmental, social, and economic impacts of decisions.

# **Learning Targets**

Standards: 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World- All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

- The Civil War resulted from complex regional differences involving political, economic, and social issues, as well as different views on slavery.
- The Civil War and Reconstruction had a lasting impact on the development of the United States.

	CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
demogra		Assess the role of various factors (i.e., geography, natural resources, demographics, transportation, leadership, and technology) that affected the course and outcome of the Civil War.	
	WHST6-8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen	

writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	
Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.	
Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.	
Examine the roles of women, African Americans, and Native Americans in the Civil War.	
Analyze the effectiveness of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution from multiple perspectives.	
Compare and contrast the approaches of Congress and Presidents Lincoln and Johnson toward the reconstruction of the South.	

- Why would a person want to change their own life or their family's life?
- How would people do that today?
- What would you change to improve your life today?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- People look for a better way of life.
- They may change jobs or locations.
- (various answers) One could move, change friends, jobs, etc.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

Equipment needed: SmartBoard, Internet

**Teacher Resources:** McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

### **Formative Assessments**

- Teacher questions will be utilized to check for daily understanding
- Peer evaluations and critiques of student writing
- Teacher periodically check student projects under construction
- Writing tasks at the beginning or end of class
- Monitor cooperative group discussions
- Quiz

- Menus
- Choice Boards

- **Tiered Assignments**
- Partner work
- **Leveled Texts**
- Flexible grouping
- Individualizing lessons
- Compacting
- Varying question levels

# **Unit 10 Overview**

**Content Area:** Social Studies

Unit 10 Title: A Nation Breaking Apart

**Grade Level: 7** 

# **Unit Summary**

- Tensions between the North and South increased over slavery.
- The formation of the antislavery Republican Party divided the country further.
- The presidential election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860 led 6 southern states to secede from the union.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections**: Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

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# **Learning Targets**

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- The Civil War resulted from complex regional differences involving political, economic, and social issues, as well as different views on slavery.
- The Civil War and Reconstruction had a lasting impact on the development of the United States.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
6.1.8.A.5.a	Explain how and why the Emancipation Proclamation and the Gettysburg Address

	continue to impact American life.		
6.1.8.C.5.a	Assess the human and material costs of the Civil War in the North and South.		
WHST6-8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.		
RH6-8.2	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.		
RH6-8.4	Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.		

- Why might people living in the same region share the same attitudes and beliefs?
- How could the known beliefs of a newly elected president foreshadow the future of a nation?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Immigrants would tend to live in the same area as others from the same part of the world.
- Seeing the priorities of a new president could help one see the focus of future issues.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

Equipment needed: SmartBoard, Internet

Teacher Resources: McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

#### **Formative Assessments**

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- Individualizing lessons
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#### **Unit 11 Overview**

Content Area: Social Studies
Unit 11 Title: The Civil War

**Grade Level: 7** 

**Unit Summary:** Students will begin by increasing background knowledge of the causes and events that created divisions in our country, next a PBL assignment will have the students create a Civil War newspaper front page, students will then complete a chart on battles and Generals of the Civil War by viewing a *PhotoStory* produced by teacher and manipulating a *GoogleEarth* product, and finally students will create their own summary of the battles using *PhotoStory* or *Google Earth*.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.2-Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.

**21st Century Themes** 9.1: This unit will also infuse the 21st Century Life & Careers standard 9.1, strands A-D. These strands include: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; Creativity and Innovation; Collaboration, Teamwork and Leadership and Cross Cultural Understanding and Interpersonal Communication.

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# **Learning Targets**

**Standards: 6.1 U.S. History: America in the World.** All students will acquire the knowledge and skills to think analytically about how past and present interactions of people, cultures, and the environment shape the American heritage. Such knowledge and skills enable students to make informed decisions that reflect fundamental rights and core democratic values as productive citizens in local, national, and global communities.

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CPI #	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)
6.1.8.C.5.a	Assess the human and material costs of the Civil War in the North and

	South.	
6.1.8.C.5.b	Analyze the economic impact of Reconstruction on the South from different perspectives.	
6.1.8.D.5.a	Prioritize the causes and events that led to the Civil War from diffe perspectives.	
6.1.8.D.5.b	Analyze critical events and battles of the Civil War and determine how they contributed to the final outcome of the war.	
WHST6-8.5	With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.	
RH6-8.2	Determine the central ideas or information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.	
		g of words and phrases as they are used in a ary specific to domains related to history/social
Unit Essential Questions		Unit Enduring Understandings
<ul> <li>What characteristic do you think great military leaders have?</li> <li>What were some everyday needs of a Civil</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>A great military leader should be brave, strong, courageous and selfless. (varied answers)</li> </ul>
War soldier?		Union soldier wore blue uniforms,

# Evidence of Learning

# **Summative Assessment**

- NJ ASK 7
- Section Quizzes
- American History Unit Exam

**Equipment needed:** SmartBoard, Internet

Why was the Civil War long and bloody?

Teacher Resources: McDougal Littell's American History, Harcourt's Social Studies

# **Formative Assessments**

- Teacher questions will be utilized to check for daily understanding
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- Writing tasks at the beginning or end of class

Confederate soldiers wore grey.

harsh weather and terrain.

Soldiers traveled on foot often and through

- Monitor cooperative group discussions
- Quiz

# projects under construction

- Menus
- **Choice Boards**
- **Tiered Assignments**
- Partner work
- Leveled Texts
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#### **Unit 12 Overview**

**Content Area:** Social Studies

Unit 12 Title: Research

**Grade Level:** 7

# **Unit Summary**

Throughout the year students will be asked to complete research on historical figures/topics and provide appropriate citation to show where this research was obtained. This may be shown through project work or written work.

**Primary interdisciplinary connections:** Technology; Reading Informational Text; Writing; Speaking and Listening

English Language Arts- RH6-8.7- Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps) with other information in print and digital texts.

**21**<sup>st</sup> **Century Themes** 9.1: This unit will also infuse the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life & Careers standard 9.1, strands A-D. These strands include: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving; Creativity and Innovation; Collaboration, Teamwork and Leadership and Cross Cultural Understanding and Interpersonal Communication.

Career Ready Practices- CRP1- Act as a responsible and contributing citizen and employee. CRP2-Apply appropriate academic and technical skills. CRP 4- Communication clearly and effectively and with reason. CRP5- Consider the environmental, social, and economic impacts of decisions.

# **Learning Targets**

# **Standards: Common Core State Standards**

Reading Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12

Writing Standards for Literacy in History/Social Studies 6-12

- Clear and coherent writing supports my arguments.
- The use of visual information also supports my arguments.
- There is a pattern and process to research and writing in technical subjects.

CPI#	Cumulative Progress Indicator (CPI)	
RH8.7	Integrate visual information (e.g., in charts, graphs, photographs, videos, or maps)	
	with other information in print and digital texts.	
RH8.8	Distinguish among fact, opinion, and reasoned judgment in a text.	
WHST8.4	Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and	
	style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.	
WHST8.6	Use technology, including the Internet, to produce and publish writing and	
	present the relationships between information and ideas clearly and efficiently.	

#### WHST8.7

Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.

# **Unit Essential Questions**

- Why do I need to cite an author's words in my writing?
- How do concise writing and the use of visual information support my argument?

# **Unit Enduring Understandings**

- Credit must be given to the author to be correct.
- My arguments are stronger when supported with concise writing and visual information.

# **Evidence of Learning**

#### **Summative Assessment**

- Assigned research work
- Note cards
- Outlines

# **Equipment needed:**

**Teacher Resources:** Teacher created assignments focusing on research

# **Formative Assessments**

- Research paper
- Speech

- Menus
- Choice Boards
- Tiered Assignments
- Partner work
- Leveled Texts
- Flexible grouping
- Individualizing lessons
- Compacting
- Varying question levels