

8th Grade U.S. II history curriculum

➤ August

- **Review U.S. history I**
(Ch#1-4) (Assessment - Oral Presentations using PowerPoint)
 - Colonizing America
 - Road to Revolution
 - Constitution
 - Anti-Bellum Period
 - Civil War
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➤ September

- **Reconstruction, 1865-1877**
(Ch#5) (Assessment – Test)
 - Presidential Reconstruction
 - Congressional Reconstruction
 - The “New South”
 - The End of Reconstruction

- **The Expansion of American Industry, 1850-1900**
(Ch#6) (Assessment – Test)
 - Technological Revolution
 - A Technological Revolution
 - Growth of Big Business
 - Industrialization & Workers
 - The Great Strikes

- **Looking West, 1860-1900**
(Ch#7) (Assessment – Newspaper (Publisher))
 - Moving West
 - Conflict with Native Americans
 - Mining, Ranching, & Farming
 - Populism

➤ **October**

- **Politics, Immigration, and Urban Life, 1870-1915**
(Ch#8) *(Assessment - Heritage Day Projects)*
 - Politics in the Gilded Age
 - People on the move
 - The Challenge of Cities
 - Ideas of Reform

 - **Life at the Turn of the 20th Century, 1870-1915**
(Ch#9) *Assessment – Test*
 - Expansion of Education
 - New Forms of Entertainment
 - The World of Jim Crow
 - Changing Roles of Women

 - **Becoming a World Power, 1890-1915**
(Ch#10) *Assessment – Test*
 - Pressure to Expand
 - Spanish-American War
 - A New Foreign Policy
 - Debating America’s New Role
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➤ **November**

- **The Progressive Reform Era, 1890-1920**
(Ch#11) *Assessment – Test*
 - The Origins of Progressivism
 - Progressive Legislation
 - Progressivism Under Taft & Wilson
 - Suffrage at Last

- **World War I, 1914-1920**
(Ch#12) *(Assessment – Essay/Research Report)*
 - The Road to War
 - The United States Declares War
 - Americans on the European Front
 - Americans on the Home front
 - Global Peacemaker

- **Postwar Social Change, 1920-1929**

(Ch#13) (Assessment – Test)

- Society in the 1920's
 - Mass Media and the Jazz Age
 - Cultural Conflicts
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➤ **December**

- Review for exams (Ch#5-13)
 - **Mid-Year Exams**
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➤ **January**

- **Politics and Prosperity, 1920-1929**

(Ch#14) (Assessment – Test)

- A Republican Decade
- A Business Boom
- The Economy in the Late 1920's

- **Crash and Depression, 1929-1933**

(Ch#15) (Assessment – Newspaper using Publisher)

- The Stock Market Crash
- Social Effects of the Depression
- Surviving the Great Depression
- The Election of 1932

- **The New Deal, 1933-1941**

(Ch#16) (Assessment – Test)

- Forging a New Deal
- The New Deal's Critics
- Last Days of the new Deal

➤ February

- **World War II: The Road to War, 1931-1941**
(Ch#17) (*Assessment – Test*)
 - The Rise of Dictators
 - Europe Goes to War
 - Japan Builds an Empire
 - From Isolationism to War

 - **World War II: Americans at War, 1941-1945**
(Ch#18) (*Assessment – Essay/Research Report*)
 - Mobilization
 - Retaking Europe
 - The Holocaust
 - The War in the Pacific
 - The Social Impact of the War

 - **The Cold War, 1945-1960**
(Ch#19) (*Assessment – Test*)
 - Origins of the Cold War
 - The Cold War Heats Up
 - The Korean War
 - The Continuing Cold War
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➤ March

- **The Postwar Years at Home, 1945-1960**
(Ch#20) (*Assessment – Test*)
 - The Postwar Economy
 - The Mood of the 1950's
 - Domestic Politics and Prosperity

- **The Civil Rights Movement, 1950-1968**
(Ch#21) (*Assessment – Test*)
 - Demands for Civil Rights
 - Leaders and Strategies
 - The Struggle Intensifies
 - The Political Response
 - The Movement Takes a Turn

- **The Kennedy & Johnson Years, 1961-1969**
(Ch#22) (*Assessment – Discussion/Debate*)

- The New Frontier
 - The Great Society
 - Foreign Policy in the Early 1960's
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➤ April

- **An Era of Activism, 1960-1975**
(Ch#23) (*Assessment – Test*)

- The Women's Movement
- Ethnic Minorities Seek Equality
- The Counterculture
- The Environmental and Consumer Movements

- **The Vietnam War, 1954-1975**

(Ch#24) (*Assessment – Journal using Word, Publisher, or PPT*)

- The War Unfolds
 - Fighting the War
 - Political Divisions
 - The End of the War
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➤ May

- **Nixon, Ford, & Carter Years, 1969-1981**
(Ch#25) (*Assessment – Test*)

- Nixon's Domestic Policy
- Nixon's Foreign Policy
- The Ford Administration
- The Watergate Scandal

- **The Conservative Revolution, 1980-1992**
(Ch#26) (*Assessment – Test*)

- Roots of the New Conservatism
- The Regan Revolution
- Regan's second Term
- The George H.W. Bush Presidency

- **Entering a New Era, 1992-Present**
(Ch#27) (*Assessment – Discussion/Debate*)
 - Politics in Recent Years
 - The United States in a New World
 - Americans in the New Millennium
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➤ **June**

- Review for exams (Ch#14-27)
- **Final Exams**