

**Course: U.S. History/Civics**  
**Grade Level: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
**Topic: Curriculum**

**Overview: United States History/Civics will focus on the history of the United States from its inception through the Cold War Era. From a Civics perspective, the course will focus on citizenship and the responsibilities of citizens in our country. Each Era will be covered using a combination of primary source documents, textbooks, audio/visual and or internet sources, along with direct instruction.**

| Essential Learning  | #     | Components   | Suggested  |  |
|---|-------|--|--|--|
|   |       |  | Activities   | Assessments  |
| <p><i>Students will learn the process of the formation of the United States.</i></p> <p><i>Alaska Content Standards</i></p> <p><i>A.1,3-9</i></p> <p><i>B.1.a-e,2,3,4</i></p> <p><i>C.1-4</i></p> <p><i>D.1-6</i></p> | 8.1   | <p><b>Era 1 - Creating a Nation (1754-1800)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Focus</p> | <p>Possible Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Mock Trial on the Boston Tea Party</li> <li>-How a bill becomes a law</li> <li>-Classroom Constitution</li> <li>-Kids voting</li> <li>-Web quests</li> </ul>  | <p>Grading Rubrics</p> <p>Section Quizzes</p> <p>Chapter Tests</p> <p>Unit Tests</p> |
|   | 8.1.1 | The French and Indian War  | <p>Possible Readings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-“The Federalists Papers”</li> <li>-“Declaration of Independence”</li> <li>-“The Constitution”</li> <li>-“The Bill of Rights”</li> </ul> <p>Possible Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<u>School House Rocks – I’m Just a bill</u></li> <li>-Assorted Youtube videos</li> </ul> |  |
|   | 8.1.2 | Build up to the Revolution   |  |  |
|   | 8.1.3 | Revolutionary War  |  |  |
|   | 8.1.4 | Articles of Confederation  |  |  |
|   | 8.1.5 | The Constitution   |  |  |
|   | 8.1.6 | Bill of Rights   |  |  |
|   | 8.1.7 | Citizenship  |  |  |
|   | 8.1.8 | Becoming a responsible citizen   |  |  |

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|  |                   |  | Activities                              | Assessments     |
| <i>Students will learn about American expansion and reform.</i><br><br><i>Alaska Content Standards</i><br><br><i>A.1,3-9</i><br><br><i>B.1.a-e,2,4</i><br><br><i>C.1-4</i><br><br><i>D.2,5</i> | 8.2               | <b>Era 2 – Expansion and Reform (1800-1860)</b><br><br>Focus | Possible Activities                     | Grading Rubrics |
|  | 8.2.1             | Struggles of a new nation                                    | -Map the United states as it grows      | Section Quizzes |
|  | 8.2.2             | War of 1812  | -Cause and effects of the War of 1812   | Chapter Tests   |
|  | 8.2.3             | Thomas Jefferson   | -Child labor: then vs. now              | Unit Tests      |
|  | 8.2.4             | Reforms and reformers  | -Web quests                             |                 |
|  | 8.2.5             | Westward expansion   | Possible Readings                       |                 |
|  | 8.2.6             | Andrew Jackson   | -“Thomas Jefferson letters”             |                 |
|  | 8.2.7             | Treatment of Native Americans                                | -“Andrew Jackson letters”               |                 |
|  | 8.2.8             | War with Mexico  | -“Davey Crockett letters”               |                 |
|  | 8.2.9             | Division between the North and the South                     | -“Lewis and Clark letters”              |                 |
| 8.2.10   | Early Immigration | Possible Videos  |   |                 |
|  |                   |  | - <u>Remember the Alamo</u> documentary |                 |
|  |                   |  | -Assorted Youtube videos                |                 |

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|  |       |  | Activities   | Assessments     |
| <i>Students will learn about the Civil War and Reconstruction periods.</i> | 8.3   | <b>Era 3 – Civil War and Reconstruction (1850 – 1877)</b><br>Focus | Possible Activities  | Grading Rubrics |
| <i>Alaska Content Standards</i>  | 8.3.1 | Mounting tensions between the North and the South                  | -Venn Diagram – Compare and Contrast the North and the South   | Section Quizzes |
| <i>A.1,3-9</i>   | 8.3.2 | The issue of slavery   | -Research Project – Civil War personality or major battle maps | Chapter Tests   |
| <i>B.1.a-e,2-4</i>   | 8.3.3 | The Election of 1860   | -Web quests  | Unit Tests      |
| <i>C.1-4</i>   | 8.3.4 | Abraham Lincoln  | Possible Readings  |                 |
| <i>D.2,5</i>   | 8.3.5 | The South secedes  | -“Secession Letters”   |                 |
|  | 8.3.6 | Civil War  | -“Emancipation Proclamation”                                   |                 |
|  | 8.3.7 | Reconstruction   | -“Gettysburg Address”  |                 |
|  | 8.3.8 | Civil Rights Amendments  | -“Booker T Washington letters”                                 |                 |
|  |       |  | Possible Videos  |                 |
|  |       |  | - <u>Glory</u>   |                 |
|  |       |  | -Assorted Youtube videos                                       |                 |

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|  |       |  | Activities  | Assessments                                   |
| <p><i>Students will learn how the United States transforms into a modern society.</i></p> <p><i>Alaska Content Standards</i></p> <p><i>A.1,3-9</i></p> <p><i>B.1.a-e,2,4</i></p> <p><i>C.1-4</i></p> <p><i>D.2-3</i></p> | 8.4   | <p><b>Era 4 – Transforming Nation (1878-1914)</b></p> <p>Focus</p> | <p>Possible Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Charting migration patterns</li> <li>-Toothpick towers</li> <li>-Web quests</li> </ul> | <p>Grading Rubrics</p> <p>Section Quizzes</p> |
|  | 8.4.1 | The changing West  | <p>Possible Readings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-“Roosevelt Papers”</li> </ul>  | <p>Chapter Tests</p>                          |
|  | 8.4.2 | Immigration  |   |   |
|  | 8.4.3 | Industrial revolution  | <p>Possible Videos</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<u>Far and Away</u></li> <li>-Assorted Youtube videos</li> </ul>                           | <p>Unit Tests</p>                             |
|  | 8.4.4 | Urban growth   |   |   |
|  | 8.4.5 | The Progressive era  |   |   |
|  | 8.4.6 | Spanish American War   |   |   |
|  | 8.4.7 | Global interests   |   |   |
|  | 8.4.8 | Indian Discrimination  |   |   |

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|   |       |  | Activities   | Assessments  |  |
| <p><i>Students will learn about the World Wars and the two decades in between.</i></p> <p><i>Alaska Content Standards</i></p> <p><i>A.1,3-9</i></p> <p><i>B.1.a-e,2,4</i></p> <p><i>C.1-4</i></p> <p><i>D.1-4,6</i></p> | 8.5   | <p><b>Era 5 World War I –World War II (1914-1945)</b></p> <p>Focus</p> | <p>Possible Activities</p> <p>-Mapping the Allied and Axis Powers</p> <p>-Pearl Harbor Virtual Tour</p> <p>-Web quests</p> | <p>Grading Rubrics</p> <p>Section Quizzes</p> <p>Chapter Tests</p>   |  |
|   | 8.5.1 | World War I  | <p>Possible Readings</p> <p>-“Roosevelt’s fireside chats”</p>  | <p>Unit Tests</p>  |  |
|   | 8.5.2 | The Roaring 20’s   |  |  |  |
|   |       | 8.5.3  | Women’s Suffrage   | <p>Possible Videos</p> <p>-<u>Fly Boys</u></p> <p>-<u>Auschwitz “If you cried you died”</u></p> <p>-<u>Sea Biscuit</u></p> <p>-Assorted Youtube Videos</p> |  |
|   |       | 8.5.4  | Prohibition  |  |  |
|   |       | 8.5.5  | World War II   |  |  |
|   |       |  | <p>Cross Curricular</p> <p>-<u>Night</u></p> <p>-<u>Diary of Ann Frank</u></p> <p>-WWII bases research projects</p>        |  |  |

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|  |                         |                                   | Activities                                  | Assessments     |
| <i>Students will learn about the Cold War from the end of WWII to the fall of the Soviet Union.</i><br><br><i>Alaska Content Standards</i><br><br><i>A.1,3-9</i><br><br><i>B.1.a-e,2,4,5</i><br><br><i>C.1,3,4</i><br><br><i>D.2</i> | 8.6                     | <b>Era 6 Cold War (1945-1990)</b> | Possible Activities                         | Grading Rubrics |
|  |                         | Focus                             | -Cold War Timelines<br>-1960's Web quest    | Section Quizzes |
|  | 8.6.1                   | Occupation of Berlin              | Possible Videos                             | Chapter Tests   |
|  | 8.6.2                   | Berlin Airlift                    |   |                 |
|  | 8.6.3                   | Korean War                        | - <u>Thirteen Days</u><br>- <u>The 60's</u> | Unit Tests      |
|  | 8.6.4                   | Cuban Missile Crisis              |   |                 |
|  | 8.6.5                   | Berlin Wall                       |   |                 |
|  | 8.6.6                   | Space Race                        |   |                 |
|  | 8.6.7                   | Civil Rights                      |   |                 |
|  | 8.6.8                   | Vietnam War                       |   |                 |
| 8.6.9  | The fall of the U.S.S.R |                                   |   |                 |