Name of Course: World Studies

Course Overview:
World Studies is the required ninth grade social studies course. This course takes a regional approach to world events and issues. Issues and skills addressed in this course include, but are not limited to, analysis of historical sources, American involvement in world affairs, the changing role of human rights, and the economic effects of world events. All units are designed to provide students a deeper understanding of how global issues/events have an impact of U.S. history, and how the U.S. has influenced world history. Primary Resource: Materials used in this course are primarily from Choices, curriculum developed by Brown University. Common assessments in this course include unit honors challenge projects/presentations, socratic seminars, and end of the unit tests. * A special education version of this course is offered which incorporates appropriate modifications.

Unit of Study	Essential Question(s)	Content/Skill/Concept	Instructional Strategies
•China on the World Stage: Weighing the U.S. Response	•Analyze the effects of imperialism on China •Compare the political values of the Maoist era with those of Deng Xiaoping (today's China) •Examine the modern history of US and China relations. •Analyze the issues that frame the current debate on US policy towards	China's early history (Qing Dynasty) China 1A and China 1B Communist China - China 2A and China 2B Modern China- China 3A and China 3B	Hands on activities, map making, student seminar, student seminar reading, modified student seminar reading, direct instruction, note-taking templates, small group work, creative projects (propaganda posters, song/rap/poem writing, UDHR Articles Art), Capitalism game, various review activities, Juno comprehension questions, Juno prequiz, quiz and test, Quizlet, vocabulary cards for review, graphic organizers, seminar mindmap, picture ID reviews, summarizing lesson, summarizing notetaker, annotating lesson/practice, sentence combining lesson, sentence combining notetaker, propaganda reading summarizer

	China.		
•Colonialism in the Congo: Conquest, Conflict and Commerce	•Examine the impact of colonialism on the Congo •Explain the major causes and effects of Congo's independence. •Analyze the major issues that challenge Congo today.	•Congo's early history (Pre- Colonial) •The Congo "Free" State •Modern Congo-1904 to Present	Hands on activities, map making, student seminar, direct instruction, Scramble for Africa, note-taking templates, small group work, creative projects (propaganda posters, song/rap/poem writing), various review activities, Juno comprehension questions, Juno prequiz, quiz and test, Quizlet, vocabulary cards for review, graphic organizers, mindmap, Twitter Assignment
Caught Between Two Worlds: Mexico at a Crossroads	•Analyze the impact of the Spanish Conquest of Mexico upon indigenous peoples and Mexican society. •Analyze the causes and effects of the Mexican Revolution •Explain the major issues surrounding current US-Mexico relations.	Mexico's beginnings •Consolidation of a nation •Mexico today	Hands on activities, map making, student seminar, direct instruction, note-taking templates, small group work, creative projects (song/rap/poem writing), various review activities, Juno comprehension questions, Juno prequiz, quiz and test, Quizlet, vocabulary cards for review, graphic organizers, mindmap
