

The American Experience
Schematic 2019-2020



Essential Questions:

1. What is the American Dream?
2. What obstacles have been/are being faced and what solutions have been/are being applied to secure the possibility of the American Dream for all?
3. What have been/are the social, economic, and political causes and effects of US involvement in world affairs?
4. How have authors/artists been both *critiques* and *mirrors* of the American Dream and/or America at war?

Cycle 1 8/30-10/13	**Intercession** *Heritage Project* 10/16-11/10	**Cycle 2** 11/13-1/12	**Cycle 3** 2/7-2/16	**Intercession** *Post War U.S.* 2/19-3/30	**Cycle 4** 4/2-6/6
Major Concepts: The American Dream, the U.S. Constitution, and dimensions of U.S. political system. **Core Reading:** *The House on Mango Street* and *Brown Girl Dreaming* and Primary Source Documents **Core AAAs:** Response to Literature and American Dream AAA **Proficiencies:** Purpose Evidence & Details Analyze & Interpret Language & Style Understand & Apply	**The Heritage Project:** An exploration of family, friends, and culture through personal writing and creativity. **Heritage In School Gallery for Students: 11/14** **Core Reading:** *The House on Mango Street* (excerpts) **Core AAAs:** Vignettes **Proficiencies:** Analyze & Interpret Evidence & Details Language & Style	**Major Concepts:** Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movement **Core Reading (tiered):** *To Kill a Mockingbird, Raisin in the Sun, Same Sun Here* and Primary Source Documents **Core AAAs:** Response to Literature, The Civil Rights Movement AAA, and Civil Rights Inquiry Project **Proficiencies:** Purpose Evidence & Details Analyze & Interpret Language & Style Understand & Apply Listening Dialogue Evaluate Citations Inquiry Summarize	**Major Concept:** World War I **Core Reading:** Primary Source Documents **Core AAAs:** WWI AAA **Proficiencies:** Understand & Apply Cause & Effect	**Major Concepts:** The Roaring 20's and the Great Depression **Core Reading (tiered):** *The Great Gatsby* or *Of Mice and Men* and Primary Source Documents **Core AAAs:** Response to Literature **Proficiencies:** Purpose Evidence & Details Analyze & Interpret Language & Style Listening Dialogue	**Major Concepts:** World War II the Cold War,Vietnam War **Core Reading:** Primary Source Documents **Core AAAs:** WWII AAA and America's Role in the World Inquiry Project **Proficiencies:** Patterns and Connections Understand & Apply Cause & Effect Listening Dialogue Inquiry Evaluate Citations Present Findings Evidence & Details Summary