

Department: Social Studies

Course Title: Modern Critical Issues

Grade Level: 12

Length of Course: Full Year (36 weeks)

Primary Resources:

McDougal Littell The Americans: Reconstruction through the 20th Century, Teacher produced powerpoints, Online video links, America the Story of Us, various supplementary resources

Units of Study:

Unit 1 Great Depression (4 weeks))

Unit 2 World War II (4 weeks)

Unit 3 Cold War (4 weeks)

Unit 4 The New Frontier and The Great Society (4 weeks)

Unit 5 Civil Rights (4 weeks)

Unit 6 Vietnam (4 weeks)

Unit 7 Watergate, Ford, Carter (4 weeks)

Unit 8 Reagan + Economics (4 weeks)

Unit 9 1990's - 2000's World relations and modern developments (4 weeks)

Curriculum-Based Assessments:

Student Performance Measure, Teacher made exams/quiz, Student projects + presentations, Unit specific study questions, Textbook provided worksheets

Standardized Assessments: N/A

Description of Course:

Students will be learning about the period of American History from the onset of the Great Depression up to current events. Students will continue to study prominent people, important movements, cultural changes, and numerous conflicts that the United States experienced through the latter half of the 1900s. Students will conclude their study with an examination of the world post Cold War. Overall, this course examines American history from 1929-2023. **(Full year course 1 credit)**

