



THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

SCHEMATIC 2017-2018



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 <i>Heritage Project</i> 10/16-11/10	Cycle 2 11/13-1/12	Cycle 3 2/7-2/16	Intercession <i>Post War U.S.</i> 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: <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> and Primary Source Documents Core Writing: Literary Argument Essay Assessed Proficiencies: Summarize Analyze & Interpret Purpose Evidence & Details Language & Style Understand & Apply	The Heritage Project: An exploration of family, friends, and culture through personal writing and creativity. Heritage Open House: 11/14 Core Reading: <i>The House on Mango Street</i> (excerpts) Core Writing: Vignettes Assessed Proficiencies: Analyze & Interpret Purpose Evidence & Details Language & Style	Major Concepts: Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movement Core Reading (tiered): <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> and <i>Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> and Primary Source Documents Core Writing: Literary Argument Essay and Self-Select Inquiry Project Assessed Proficiencies: Analyze & Interpret Purpose Evidence & Details Language & Style Listening Dialogue Evaluate Inquiry Summary	Major Concept: World War I Core Reading: Primary Source Documents Assessed Proficiencies: Understand & Apply Language & Style Analyze & Interpret	Major Concepts: The Roaring 20's and the Great Depression Core Reading (tiered): <i>The Great Gatsby</i> or <i>Of Mice and Men</i> Core Writing: Literary Argument Essay Assessed Proficiencies: Analyze & Interpret Purpose Evidence & Details Language & Style	Major Concepts: World War II and the Cold War Core Writing: America's Role in the World Inquiry Project Assessed Proficiencies: Listening Dialogue Analyze & Interpret Evidence and Details Evaluate Inquiry Present Findings Understand & Apply Historical Analysis