**US History** **Syllabus 2019-2020 Mr. Stein**

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Text: **Gateway To U.S. History**

Week 1-3; **Civil War& Reconstruction** (Chap 1-2)

The lessons will cover the events that lead to the Civil War, the course and consequence of the war, and the Reconstruction Era until its end in 1877. We will discuss the abolition movement along with the internal struggle of our government concerning slavery and how the government tried to address the issue. We will also learn about post war governments in the south immediately following the civil war through reconstruction.

Week 4; **Moving West** (Chap 3)

The lesson will discuss the movement of population west. We will discuss how the railroads changed the way the west was settled and how it helped farmers. Also, the Homestead Act and its significance in helping settle the west. Finally, we learn about the American Indians experience during this period.

Week 5; **Second Industrial Revolution** (Chap 4)

The lesson will cover the foundations of the revolution, and the entrepreneurs who used invention and innovation to transform America from a farming country into an industrial nation. We will discuss the major players during this period and how their vision changed our nation.

Week 6; **Labor Movement** (Chap 5)

The lesson will focus on how the industrialization of America directly led to the formation of labor unions. We will also the tactics used by these labor unions to accomplish their objectives.

Week 7; **Immigrants and Farmers** (Chap 6)

The lesson will focus on the second wave of immigrants and their assimilation into American culture. We will also discuss the treatment of Asian immigrants. Finally, we will focus on the plight of the farmers and the subsequent Grange movement during this period.

Week 8; **Progressive Era** (Chap 7)

The lesson will focus on the changes to big business brought on by the progressives. Also, the impact of the progressive presidents on society and big business. We will also take a look at women’s suffrage, muckrakers, and populism versus progressivism.

Week 9; **American Imperialism** (Chap 8)

The lesson will discuss the Spanish-American war and its impact on the worlds perception of America. Also, the debate over imperialism and hoe the US handled this issue.

Week 10-11; **WWI (not the big one)-** (Chap 9)

The lesson will cover the events leading up to the war overseas, the role America played, and how the home front reacted to our involvement. Also, what caused the US to intervene, and the new technologies that were used. Finally, we will discuss the treaty of Versailles and how it helped set the stage for WWII (the big one).

Week 12-13; **The Roaring Twenties** (Chap 10)

The lesson will cover this gilded age when society became indulgent and consumer driven. We will also discuss the inventions and innovations that made it all possible. We will cover the African Americans role in this era and their contributions. Finally, we will connect this to the Great Depression.

Week 14-15; **The Great Depression** (Chap 11)

The lesson will continue with the end of the roaring twenties, the stock market crash of 1929 and move into the great depression. We will also cover the New Deal in detail and how it helped to begin the process of healing our country.

Week 16-18; **WWII (the big one)-** (Chap 12)

The lesson will cover the start of war in Europe, US neutrality, events leading to US involvement, and the course of the war. Finally, we will examine the consequences of the war from the establishment United Nations to the beginning of the cold war.

Week 19-20; **The Cold War** (Chap 13)

The lesson will examine the Cold War, its origin and course including the Korean war, Berlin Wall and Cuban Missile Crisis. We will also learn about communism and how it impacted on life in America during that time.

Week 21-22; **Postwar Prosperity and Civil Rights** (Chap 14)

The lesson will cover the causes for prosperity following WWII, The Civil Rights movement including the key figures that help shape the movement. We will also look at the tactics used by these activists. Finally, we will examine the significant Supreme court cases relating to integration.

Week 23-24; **The Sixties** (Chap15)

The lesson will cover the 1960’s and how the decade changed the entire landscape of America in many ways. We will examine the new culture that spread throughout the U.S. and look at women’s continued pursuit for equal rights. Also, a look at the Supreme Court and their impact on society. Finally, how the Cold War and the fear of communism led to U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

Week 25; **American Foreign Policy since 1972** (Chap 16)

The lesson will examine all the events that impacted the Global landscape. Our discussions will focus on those events in which America had a significant role either with direct involvement or aa ambassadors for the world.

Week 26; **American Social issues**

The lesson will focus on various social issues including- terrorism, labor issues, and court cases that impact our society.

Week 27; **EOC Assessment**

Week 28; **Review until EOC exam**

**There will be an exam following every lesson**

The grading scale will be as follows:

**Class participation- 20%**

**Classwork- 15%**

**Notebook checks- 10%**

**Tests/Quizzes- 55%**

All notebooks are to be handwritten and brought to every class- no exceptions.

I will provide review sessions after school following each lesson.