

# Grade 11: United States History and Geography (History-Social Science Framework)

## Overarching Ideas **US.A**

- 1 How did the federal government grow between the late nineteenth and twenty-first centuries? **US.A.1**
- 2 What does it mean to be an American in modern times? **US.A.2**
- 3 How did the United States become a superpower? **US.A.3**
- 4 How did the United States' population become more diverse over the twentieth century? **US.A.4**

## Connecting with Past Studies: The Nations Beginnings **US.B**

- 1 What are key tenets of American democracy? **US.B.1**
- 2 How did the country change because of the Civil War and Reconstruction in the nineteenth century? **US.B.2**

## Industrialization, Urbanization, Immigration, and Progressive Reform **US.C**

- 1 How did America's economy, industries, and population grow after the Civil War? **US.C.1**
- 2 Who came to the United States at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century? Why did they come? What was their experience like when they arrived? **US.C.2**
- 3 How did the federal government impact the country's growth in the years following the Civil War? **US.C.3**
- 4 Why did women want the right to vote, and how did they convince men to grant it to them? **US.C.4**

## The Rise of the United States as a World Power **US.D**

- 1 How did America's role in the world change between the 1870s and 1910s? **US.D.1**
- 2 Did the United States become an imperial power? Why or why not? **US.D.2**
- 3 How did America change because of World War I? **US.D.3**

## The 1920s US.E

- 1 Why were the 1920s filled with political, social, and economic extremes? US.E.1
- 2 How did culture change in the 1920s? US.E.2
- 3 Were the 1920s a “return to normalcy?” Why or why not? US.E.3

## The Great Depression and the New Deal US.F

- 1 Why was there a Great Depression? US.F.1
- 2 How did the New Deal attempt to remedy problems from the Great Depression? US.F.2
- 3 How did ordinary people respond to the Great Depression? US.F.3

## America's Participation in World War II US.G

- 1 Why did Americans not want to join World War II before the bombing at Pearl Harbor? US.G.1
- 2 How did American government change because of World War II? US.G.2
- 3 How did American government change because of World War II? US.G.3
- 4 How was the war mobilized and fought differently in the Atlantic versus the Pacific? US.G.4
- 5 How did the America win the war in the Pacific? US.G.5
- 6 How did World War II serve to advance movements for equality at home and abroad? US.G.6

## Cold War Struggles Abroad US.H

- 1 What was Containment? How was it employed? US.H.1
- 2 How did American foreign policy shift after World War II? US.H.2
- 3 Why was the period between 1946 and 1990 known as the Cold War? US.H.3
- 4 How did anti-communism drive foreign policy? US.H.4

## Cold War Struggles at Home US.I

- 1 How was the Cold War fought domestically? US.I.1
- 2 How did the government work to combat the perceived threat of communism domestically? US.I.2
- 3 How were American politics shaped by the Cold War? US.I.3
- 4 How did the Cold War affect ordinary Americans? US.I.4

## Movements for Equality US.J

- 1 Why was there a Civil Rights Movement? US.J.1
- 2 What does “equal rights” mean? US.J.2

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**3 What were the goals and strategies of the Civil Rights Movement?** [US.J.3](#)

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**4 How did various movements for equality build upon one another?** [US.J.4](#)

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**5 Did the Civil Rights Movement succeed?** [US.J.5](#)

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**6 How was the government involved in the Civil Rights Movement?** [US.J.6](#)

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**7 How was the war in Vietnam similar to and different from the other Cold War struggles?** [US.J.7](#)

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**8 How did the war in Vietnam affect movement for equality at home?** [US.J.8](#)

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**Contemporary American Society** [US.K](#)

**1 How has the role of the federal government (and especially the presidency) changed from the 1920s through more recent times?** [US.K.1](#)

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**2 How did the Cold War end, and what foreign policy developments resulted?**  
[US.K.2](#)

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**3 What does globalization mean, and how has it affected the United States?** [US.K.3](#)

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**4 Why is the United States more diverse now than it was in the middle of the 20th century?** [US.K.4](#)

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**5 In what ways have issues such as education; civil rights for people of color, immigrants, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBTQ) Americans, and disabled Americans; economy policy; recognition of economic, social and cultural rights; the environment; and the status of women remained unchanged over time? In what ways have they changed?** [US.K.5](#)