Marking Period	Units/Eras	Topics	Resources
MP1	Unit 1: Era 3 Revolution and the New Nation (1754–1820s)  Overarching Essential Questions: - What can we learn from the past? - What is worth fighting for? - What makes something revolutionary? - What makes a leader great? - Who are the "heroes" and what do they tell us about ourselves or other people?  Content-based Essential Questions: - What were the economic and political causes of the American Revolution? - Why was the American Revolution important? - What enlightenment ideals can be found in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution? - What precedents did President Washington set?	<ul> <li>Causes of the American Revolution</li> <li>Common Sense &amp; the Declaration of Independence</li> <li>The War itself</li> <li>Effects of the American Revolution: brief overview of the US Consitutution &amp; Bill of Rights</li> <li>Washington's Presidency</li> </ul>	TCI: Unit 3 TCI: Unit 4 TCI: Unit 5 Lesson 13
MP1 & MP2	Unit 2: Era 4 Expansion and Reform (1801–1861)  Overarching Essential Questions: - What can we learn from the past? - Why does where matter? What economic, social and political opportunities and problems arise from changes in technology?	<ul> <li>Politics in the Early Republic: Federalists &amp; Republicans</li> <li>A changing America: Louisiana Purchase; Jacksonian Democracy; Manifest Destiny/Mexican-American War;</li> </ul>	TCI: Unit 5 Lesson 13 TCI: Unit 5 Lesson 16 TCI: Unit 6 TCI: Unit 7 Lesson 20 TCI: Unit 7 Lesson 22

	Content-based Essential Questions: - How important was slavery to the development of the United States? -What were the causes and effects Manifest Destiny and territorial expansion? - How did competition for resources lead to conflict between Americans and Native Americans? - Why did reform movements begin in the 1840s? - What was New Jersey's role in the Underground Railroad? - In what ways did America fall short of its ideals? - In what ways did America live up to its ideals?	•	Peoples of America Conflict with Native Americans Slavery Reform Movements	
MP3	Unit 3: Era 5 Civil War and Reconstruction (1850–1877)  Overarching Essential Questions: - What can we learn from the past? - Why does where matter? - What makes a leader great? - Why does the past matter to today? - Who and what do we memorialize and why?  Content-based Essential Questions: - What similarities and differences existed between the different regions of the United States? What problems did these differences cause? - How did the government protect and promote slavery?	•	Causes of the Civil War The Civil War Reconstruction: approaches to Reconstruction; Civil Rights Amendments; the Fight for Freedom; the attack on Reconstruction; successes and failures of Reconstruction	TCI: Unit 7 Lesson 21 TCI: Unit 8

	- How did enslaved people and their allies resist slavery? - What role did people from New Jersey play in supporting or opposing slavery? - What were the contradictions between slavery and the ideals of the American Revolution? - What was the primary cause of the Civil War? - What were the objectives of Reconstruction? - How did newly free men and women exercise their freedoms? - What caused the end of Reconstruction? - What were the successes and failures and of Reconstruction? - Who were the "winners" and "losers" in Reconstruction?		
MP4	Unit 4*: National History Day: your kids will NOT need to enter the competition this coming year though you can enter a strong project(s), if you begin early enough and if you would like to  - What methods did they use to create change?  Overarching Essential Questions: - Why is important to know information and how to find it? - How can we learn what happened in the past? - What source(s) can I trust? - What are the best sources for me to use? - How can I successfully	The theme for 22-23 is: Frontiers in History: People, Places, Ideas; Students should research a topic related to this theme and present their research by making a poster board, a documentary, a website, writing a paper or creating a performance. Students can work as individuals or in groups	NHD: overview Resources NHD PD: webinars, etc More Resources

collaborate with others? - What can we learn from the past? - How am I connected to those in the past?	
Content-based essential questions: - What are the steps in the research process? - What are the qualities of an effective presentation?	

<sup>\*</sup>you can start this unit before the 4th marking period