

**USII - Revised Scope & Sequence  
2022 - 2023**

M.P.	Major Topics	Sub-topics	Essential Questions	NJSLs Disciplinary Concepts
MP1	Great Depression & the New Deal	<p>20s economy: laissez-faire</p> <p>Causes of the Great Depression</p> <p>Election of 1932</p> <p>Hoover &amp; FDR</p> <p>1st &amp; 2nd New Deals</p> <p>The Court packing scheme</p> <p>(curriculum connections: the reform impulse: 1840s; Populism; Progressivism; the role of the federal government; federalism; Federalist - Anti-Federalist debates: power of the executive branch; limited government)</p>	<p><b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What can we learn from the past?</li> <li>- Why does where matter?</li> <li>- How do people shape their world?</li> <li>- Why does government exist?</li> <li>- Should government regulate the economy?</li> </ul> <p><b>Content-based Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What were the causes and effects of economic growth in the 1920s?</li> <li>- What were the causes of the Great Depression?</li> <li>- What were the different phases of the New Deal?</li> <li>- Was the New Deal a new deal or a raw deal?</li> <li>- Why was the New Deal called the Second American Revolution?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Economics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Economy</li> <li>- Economic Ways of Thinking</li> <li>- Global Economy</li> </ul> <p><b>Geography:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human Environment Interaction</li> <li>- Human Population Patterns</li> </ul> <p><b>Civics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civic &amp; Political Institutions</li> <li>- Participation &amp; Deliberation</li> <li>- Processes, Rules &amp; Laws</li> <li>- Human &amp; Civil Rights</li> </ul> <p><b>History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuity &amp; Change</li> <li>- Understanding Perspectives</li> <li>- Historical Sourcing &amp; Evidence</li> <li>- Claims &amp; Argumentation</li> </ul>

			- Did the New Deal end the Depression?	
	WWII	<p>US foreign policy in the 20s-30s: isolationism vs internationalism</p> <p>Neutrality Acts, Lend-Lease</p> <p>Pearl Harbor</p> <p>Women &amp; the War</p> <p>The Double V Campaign</p> <p>(curriculum connections: Jim Crow, imperialism/anti-imperialism, WWI, anti-Semitism, impact of immigration on foreign policy debates (e.g. the Irish)</p> <p>US response to the Holocaust</p>	<p><b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is war ever ok?</li> <li>- What can we learn from the past?</li> <li>- Why does where matter?</li> <li>- What obligations, if any, do nations and people have to one another?</li> </ul> <p><b>Content-based Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why did the US not enter into WWII until the attack on Pearl Harbor?</li> <li>- Was the US truly practicing isolationism before Pearl Harbor?</li> <li>- What were the causes of US involvement in World War II?</li> <li>- What was US policy and practice towards the Holocaust?</li> <li>- What were the arguments for and against dropping the atomic bomb?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Economics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Economy</li> <li>- Economic Ways of Thinking</li> <li>- Exchanges &amp; Markets</li> <li>- Global Economy</li> </ul> <p>Geography:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Interconnections</li> </ul> <p><b>Civics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civic &amp; Political Institutions</li> <li>- Democratic Principles</li> <li>- Participation &amp; Deliberation</li> <li>- Processes, Rules &amp; Laws</li> <li>- Human &amp; Civil Rights</li> <li>- Civic Mindedness</li> </ul> <p><b>History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuity &amp; Change</li> <li>- Understanding Perspectives</li> <li>- Historical Sourcing &amp; Evidence</li> <li>- Claims &amp; Argumentation</li> </ul>
MP2	America on the World Stage:  Cold War	<p>Roots of the Cold War</p> <p>the Vietnam War</p>	<p><b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is war ever ok?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Economics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Economy</li> <li>- Economic</li> </ul>

	<p>The War on Terror</p>	<p>9/11: Iraq &amp; Afghanistan</p> <p>(curriculum connections:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What can we learn from the past?</li> <li>- Why does where matter?</li> <li>- What obligations, if any, do nations and people have to one another?</li> <li>- Who do we believe and why?</li> <li>- When should society control individuals?</li> <li>- Is it ever okay to break the law?</li> </ul> <p><b>Content-based Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What were the short and long-term effects of World War II on America's economy and its domestic and foreign policies?</li> <li>- What was the Cold War?</li> <li>- What impact did the Cold War have on civil rights and political discourse?</li> <li>- What happened on 9/11?</li> <li>- What is the War on Terror?</li> <li>- What is the connection between the War on Terror and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan?</li> <li>- What impact has the War on Terror had on</li> </ul>	<p>Ways of Thinking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchanges &amp; Markets</li> <li>- National Economy</li> <li>- Global Economy</li> </ul> <p><b>Geography:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Global Interconnections</li> </ul> <p><b>Civics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civic &amp; Political Institutions</li> <li>- Democratic Principles</li> <li>- Participation &amp; Deliberation</li> <li>- Processes, Rules &amp; Laws</li> <li>- Human &amp; Civil Rights</li> <li>- Civic Mindedness</li> </ul> <p><b>History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuity &amp; Change</li> <li>- Understanding Perspectives</li> <li>- Historical Sourcing &amp; Evidence</li> <li>- Claims &amp; Argumentation</li> </ul>
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MP3	The Fight for Equality:  The Civil Rights Movement	Jim Crow  The African-American Civil Rights Movement  The Women's movement  Latinos  Native Americans  LGBTQ+  Culture from different decades	<p><b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What can we learn from the past?</li> <li>- How can individuals and groups shape the world in which they live?</li> <li>- Is it ever okay to break the law?</li> <li>- What does it mean that America is a work in progress?</li> </ul> <p><b>Content-based Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What were some causes of the Civil Rights Movement?</li> <li>- What were some turning points in the Civil Rights Movement?</li> <li>- Who participated in the Civil Rights Movement?</li> <li>- What roles did protest and collective action take in promoting change?</li> <li>- What role did the government play in supporting or opposing changes in Jim Crow Era America?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Civics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civic &amp; Political Institutions</li> <li>- Democratic Principles</li> <li>- Participation &amp; Deliberation</li> <li>- Processes, Rules &amp; Laws</li> <li>- Human &amp; Civil Rights</li> <li>- Civic Mindedness</li> </ul> <p><b>History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuity &amp; Change</li> <li>- Understanding Perspectives</li> <li>- Historical Sourcing &amp; Evidence</li> <li>- Claims &amp; Argumentation</li> </ul>

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<p>Contemporary America: We the People?</p> <p>Immigration</p> <p>Rust Belt, Sun Belt &amp; Beyond</p> <p>National Politics</p>	<p>Debates over the immigration &amp; the concept of America</p> <p>Demographic &amp; population shifts</p> <p>The Conservative Movement/Populism</p> <p>(curriculum connections: earlier waves of immigration; anti-immigrant movements and anti-immigration legislation)</p>	<p><b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What is an American?</li> <li>- Is a America a melting pot?</li> <li>- Why does where matter?</li> </ul> <p><b>Content-based Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- How did the war in Vietnam end? What impact did the end have on America and American foreign policy?</li> <li>- What was Watergate? What impact did it have on America?</li> <li>- How did America change in 1970s-1990s?</li> <li>- What economic, social and political challenges did America face?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Geography:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human Environment Interaction</li> <li>- Human Population Patterns</li> <li>- Global Interconnections</li> <li>- Spacial Views of the World</li> </ul> <p><b>Economics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National Economy</li> <li>- Economic Ways of Thinking</li> <li>- Global Economy</li> </ul> <p><b>History:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuity &amp; Change</li> <li>- Understanding Perspectives</li> <li>- Historical Sourcing &amp; Evidence</li> <li>- Claims &amp; Argumentation</li> </ul> <p><b>Civics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civic &amp; Political Institutions</li> <li>- Participation &amp; Deliberation</li> <li>- Processes, Rules &amp; Laws</li> <li>- Human &amp; Civil</li> </ul>	

				Rights - Civic Mindedness
MP4	Life in the New Millenium: Technology & Globalization  National Politics  Culture & contemporary issues  Environmental issues	The economy: Facebook; Amazon  The Conservative Movement/Populism; the political divide  Contemporary culture (curriculum connections: 20s, 50s, 60s)  Climate change	<b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b> - Why does where matter? - What economic, social and political opportunities and problems arise from changes in technology? - Should government regulate business?  <b>Content-based Essential Questions:</b> - What are the causes and effects of globalization? - What is the Digital Revolution? - How has the Digital Revolution changed how we live and work? - Why are we divided? - Why was President Obama's election significant? - What issues continue to divide Americans? - What challenges does America face in the 21st	<b>Economics:</b> - National Economy - Economic Ways of Thinking - Exchanges & Markets - Global Economy  <b>Civics:</b> - Civic & Political Institutions - Democratic Principles - Participation & Deliberation - Processes, Rules & Laws - Human & Civil Rights - Civic Mindedness  <b>History:</b> - Continuity & Change - Understanding Perspectives - Historical Sourcing & Evidence - Claims & Argumentation  <b>Geography:</b> - Human Environment Interaction - Human Population Patterns - Global Interconnections

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	Civic Engagement	Active Citizenship	<p><b>Overarching Essential Questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What does it mean to be a good citizen?</li> <li>- What would the Founders say about the state of America in the 2020s?</li> <li>- Will America survive?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Civics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Civic &amp; Political Institutions</li> <li>- Democratic Principles</li> <li>- Participation &amp; Deliberation</li> <li>- Processes, Rules &amp; Laws</li> <li>- Human &amp; Civil Rights</li> <li>- Civic Mindedness</li> </ul>