Unit (floating, embedded): Skills and Methods
1. I can identify a credible source of information.
2. I can identify a stereotype.
3. I can support or refute a thesis statement.
4. I can identify a reliable source.
5. I can compare and contrast sources of information.
6. I can analyze one or more issues.
7. I can argue and defend a position.

Unit 1: Industrialization in the United States
1. I can explain the effects of immigration on the US.
2. I can explain the positive and negative effects of industrialization.
3. I can explain the causes of urbanization.
4. I can give reasons for the development of labor unions in the US.
5. I can analyze the economic characteristics that define a region.
6. I can discuss effects that Laissez faire policies have on big business.

Unit 2: Imperialism
1. I can identify three reasons why the US acquired foreign territories.
2. I can identify three reasons why countries take over foreign territories.
3. I can explain the concepts of manifest destiny.
4. I can explain the US emergence as a world power as a result of the Spanish American War.
5. I can explain how the Monroe Doctrine and Roosevelt Corollary defined the US presence in the western Hemisphere.
Unit 3: Progressivism
1. I can explain social problems by industrialization and urbanization/
2. I can explain why monopolies are bad for consumers.
3. I can discuss the challenges new immigrants faced with coming to America.
4. I can describe agricultural production and technology.
5. I can explain reasons for the growth of US cities.
6. I can explain the Jim Crow laws.
7. I can describe discrimination.
8. I can analyze the impact the Civil War amendments had on post war policy in the south.
9. I can contrast the attitudes of north and south based upon legalized discrimination.
10. I can develop a solution to change discrimination and attitudes of people in the US.

Unit 4: World War I
1. I can identify two reasons the US entered WWI.
2. I can identify two of President Wilson’s Fourteen Points and explain importance.
3. I can explain how the Treaty of Versailles led to the outbreak of WWII.
4. I can explain why the US chose not to participate in the League of Nations.
5. I can explain how European countries borders changed as a result of the Treaty of Versailles.

Unit 5: 1920’s
1. I can explain the impact of the Red Scare on the US.
2. I can explain the importance of women’s suffrage.
3. I can describe the impact of the Great Migration on US society.
4. I can list two reasons why the US restricted immigration.
5. I can explain the Lazze Fare policies on the 1920’s.
6. I can define the Harlem renaissance and explain its importance.
7. I can explain two effects the Roaring Twenties had on US society.
8. I can identify two reasons for the Stock Market crash of 1929.
9. I can explain why the US chose not to join the League of Nations.
10. I can describe US isolationism during the 1920’s.
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Unit 6: 1930’s
1. I can identify four consequences of the Great Depression on US society.
2. I can identify a cause and effect of the Dust Bowl.
3. I can identify three New Deal programs still in effect today and explain the significance of these programs.
4. I can contrast the three R’s of the New Deal.

Unit 7: World War II
1. I can explain how the US industrial mobilization from consumer goods to military products supported the war.
2. I can identify the expansion of government’s involvement in the US economy during WWII.
3. I can explain why the US government can suspend rights to protect public safety and also national security.
4. I can describe the discrimination that Japanese-Americans faced during the WWII years within the US.
5. I can explain how the bombing of Pearl Harbor was a key component in America’s transition from isolationist to involvement in WWII.

Unit 8: US foreign Policy (1945-1991)
1. I can explain how the Truman Doctrine and Marshall Plan influenced US/foreign policy.
2. I can explain the ideas and desires to contain communism influenced US foreign policy in the early years of the cold war.
3. I can explain how the Korean and Vietnam Wars influenced US foreign policy in the 1950’s, 1960’s and 1970’s.

1. I can explain why the US prospered after WWII.
2. I can explain why fears of soviet expansion led to the domestic paranoia of McCarthyism.
3. I can explain why competition with the Soviets led to the space race.
4. I can explain why Social and economic conditions in Latin America and Asia led to immigration from those areas and not Europe.
5. I can describe the development of the antiwar, counter culture, and women’s liberation movements during and after the Vietnam War.
6. I can analyze and explain the causes, conflicts and consequences of the Civil Rights Movement.
7. I can compare and connect the Civil rights movements of African Americans and other minority groups.