

# DeRuyter Central School District

## United States History and Government

## Grade 11

### 9 Benchmarks

► **Standard 1: Students will use a variety of intellectual skills to demonstrate their understanding of major ideas, eras, themes, developments, and turning points in history of the United States and New York.**

SS11.1.24 Historical and Philosophical Foundations of a Nation

- Understand the historical and philosophical development of government in the United States.
- Recognize and understand the enduring ethical dilemma when considering the rights of the individual versus the public well being.

SS11.1.25 Constitutional Convention

- Understand the principals of American constitutional government and how this form of government has shaped the character of American society.
- Understand how the United States Constitution grants and distributes power and responsibilities to national and state government and how it seeks to prevent the abuse of power.  
*Legislative Branch, Executive and Judicial Branches*  
*Landmark Decisions of the Supreme Court*
- Describe the Constitution as an enduring, “Living Document” able to reflect the changes in American society since the founding of our Nation.  
*The Critical Period*
- Recognize the need for creating domestic stability through sound financial policies: Hamilton’s financial plan and a stable political system
- Understand the development of unwritten constitutional government under Washington, Adams, and Jefferson: cabinet, political parties, judicial review, executive and Congressional interpretation, lobbying; the Marshall Court (Marbury v. Madison, 1803, McCulloch v. Maryland, 1819, and Gibbons v. Ogden, 1824)
- Suppressing dissent (the Whiskey Rebellion, the Alien and Sedition Acts)
- Neutrality and national security, Washington through Monroe: foreign affairs, establishing boundaries

SS11.1.26 The Constitution Tested: Nationalism and Sectionalism

- Understand the impact of manifest destiny and territorial expansion (through diplomacy, annexation) and war on the United States and the constitutional issue of states' rights v. national supremacy
- Understand the nature of the conflict leading to the Civil War and the attempts to compromise

#### SS11.1.27 The Reconstructed Nation

- Understand the conflicts between Presidential and congressional reconstruction policies and the impact on government policies
- Recognizes the shifting relations between the federal government, the states and citizens
- Understands the impact of the Civil War and Reconstruction on political alignments, the nature of citizenship, constitutional interpretation of civil rights, and American society.  
*The Passing of the Frontier*
- Understand the historical inconsistency in U.S. government policy toward the Native American population and its impact
- Understand the major factors, which affected the settlement of the West.
- Understand the impact of third party movements on the American political system- Populism

#### SS11.1.28 Industrialization

- Understand the impact of raw materials, technology, transportation, and communication on the expansion of American industry.
- Discuss the impact of complex corporate structure on business, workers, & consumers in the United States.
- Understand the impact of pro-business government policies on the growth of industry in the United States and its impact on workers
- Describe the slow growth of early labor unions; and analyze and compare the conditions responsible for this growth with contemporary labor issues.  
*Urbanization*
- Discuss the growth of cities and the problems faced by urban Americans from 1876-1916.
- Discuss the positive and negative aspects of urban life.  
*Immigration*
- Discuss the origins, patterns, and problems of immigration from 1876-1916.
- Discuss immigration policies of the U.S. government from 1876 to the present.  
*Politics and Reform of the Gilded Age*
- Discuss early attempts at political and labor reform during the Gilded Age.
- Understand the impact of Political Machines on the effectiveness of government and the need for reform.  
*Imperialism and Foreign Affairs*
- Understand foreign policy as a tool of the United States government.

- Describe how and why the United States expanded beyond its borders and adopted a policy of imperialism in the late 1880's and assumed a world leadership role.
- Understand the causes and results of the Spanish American War.
- Describe the immediate and long-term impact of U.S. foreign policy toward Latin America starting with the Monroe Doctrine through the present.

SS11.1.29 Progressive Reform

- Discuss the origins and goals of the Progressive Movement from 1900-1916.
- Describe progressive reforms at the local, state, and national levels.
- Discuss the successes of the Progressive Era Reform movement and its lasting impact on American society.

***World War I – Causes and Consequences***

- Identify the causes of World War I and the reasons why the U.S. entered the War
- Describe the controversy concerning the Versailles Treaty and the reasons why the United States did not ratify the Treaty as well as its long term impact on world politics

SS11.1.30 The Twenties – A Decade of Change and Prosperity

- Discuss the changes that occurred in American culture/values during the 1920's and the conflicts that resulted..
- Describe the relationship between big business and government during the 1920's and it's impact the American economy.
- Understand the impact of Prohibition on culture and the power of government in the U.S.

***The Great Depression***

- Discuss the causes of the Great Depression.
- Understand economic policy as a tool of the U.S. government.
- Compare and Contrast the economic philosophies of Herbert Hoover and FDR.

***FDR and a New Deal for America***

- Understand and discuss New Deal Programs of FDR – Relief, Recovery, and Reform.
- Discuss and describe the long-term impact of New Deal on the United States – the Power of the Federal Government and its relationship with its citizens.

SS11.1.31 Peace in Peril – The United States in World War II

- Understand the attempt of US foreign policy at isolation and neutrality
- Discuss and understand the policies of the US government on The Home Front: i.e. mobilization, the draft, war financing, economic policies-rationing, and the impact of war on civil liberties.

***Cold War and Containment***

- Describe the origins and impact of the Cold War.
- Understand the precarious state of the postwar world economy and the role of the United States in taking action to prevent another slip into Depression.
- Compare and Contrast circumstances surrounding WWI and WWII postwar foreign policy of the United States.
- Describe and provide specific examples of Containment as a foreign policy.

- Understand how Containment in Asia drew the United States into the Korean War and planted the seeds for U.S. involvement in Vietnam.
- Understand the impact of communism and containment on the American public and the threats to civil liberties.

#### ***1950's***

- Discuss the domestic issues faced by Presidents Truman and Eisenhower during the 1950's (Demobilization, Baby Boom, Suburbs, etc.)
- Describe the impact of Brown V. Board of Education on the Civil Rights Movement in the United States.

#### SS11.1.32 Decade of Change – 1960's

- Discuss the changes that occurred in American culture/values during the 1920's and compare them with the 1960's.
- Discuss the lasting impact of the Civil Rights Movement on American society.
- Describe the important foreign policy decisions made during the Kennedy Administration and understand their connection to the Cold War.
- Describe the important aspects of President's Johnson's Great Society.
- Understand the historical roots of American involvement in Vietnam and the long-term social, economic, & psychological impact of the undeclared war on American society.
- Understand the reality/weaknesses of American foreign policy in Vietnam.
- Discuss the impact of the Vietnam War on American foreign policy.

#### ***The Imperial President – Richard Nixon***

- Understand the shift toward conservatism after the 1960's.
- Discuss the impact of Nixon's foreign policy of internationalism on US relations with the Soviet Union and China.
- Describe the constitutional crisis the U.S. experienced during the Nixon Administration and the resulting limits of Presidential Power.

#### ***Ford & Carter – 1970's***

- Describe the social, economic, & foreign policy issues confronting the Carter Administration.
- Discuss the impact of Carter's focus on human rights in the conduct of U.S. foreign policy.

#### ***Reagan & Bush – The 1980's and the Trend Toward Conservatism***

- Discuss the major domestic and foreign policy challenges confronting the Reagan, Bush Administrations.
- Discuss the Reagan and Bush Administrations and the "new" federalism and growth of conservatism.
- Describe the changing social and political climate of the 1980's-present.
- Discuss the impact of the end of the Cold War on U.S. foreign policy and international relations since 1989.

#### ***Postindustrial Society and Global Interdependence – 1990's & Beyond***

- Discuss the major domestic and foreign policy challenges confronting the Clinton Administration.

- Understand the changing role of the United States as it moves to a postindustrial society and participates in a global economy.
- Discuss the major domestic and foreign policy challenges confronting the George W. Bush (43) Administration.
- Understand the impact of immigration, technology and trade on the United States as it competes in the global economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.