





Strands	Course Level Expectations
Civics	 Understand how a question reflects an enduring issue in the field and in the community. Analyze how historical contexts shaped and continue to shape people's perspectives.
History	 Critique the usefulness of historical sources for a specific historical inquiry based on their maker, date, place of origin, intended audience, and purpose. Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place as well as broader historical contexts.
Economics	 Analyze historical, contemporary, and emerging means of changing societies, promoting the common good, and protecting rights. Understand how economic forces impacted particular groups of people over time. Explain why advancements in technology and investments in capital goods and human capital increase economic growth and standards of living.
Geography	Understand how geography affected the lives of people in America.

Unit Title	Intro to Film	Length of Unit	1 - 2 weeks

Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	What is the purpose of film?
Standards	Developing Questions and Planning Inquiry INQ 9-12.1 INQ 9-12.5 Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action INQ 9-12.12 Historical Sources and Evidence
Unit Strands &	HIST 9-12.11 ■ History of Film: Medium Development
Concepts	 Elements of Film: Music, Cinematography, Sound, Color Primary v Secondary Films Character Film
Key Vocabulary	Frame, Shot, Scene, Antagonist, Protagonist, Genres, Cinematography, Director, Producer, Plot Climax

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Critical Content: My students will Know		Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
 different mediums that were historically used to make movies different elements of film such as music, sound, and color usage roles associated with movie production the difference between primary and secondary films how film was invented 	 Determine compelling points of vi and the pot Present addideas and pand venues Critique the 	w a question reflects an enduring issue in the field. the kinds of sources that will be helpful in answering and supporting questions, taking into consideration multiple ew represented in the sources, the types of sources available tential uses of the sources. aptations of arguments and explanations that feature evocative perspectives on issues and topics to reach a range of audiences to outside the classroom using print and oral technologies a usefulness of historical sources for a specific historical inquiry neir maker, date, place of origin, intended audience and purpose.

Assessments:	 Performance Task: Film Elements Analysis Soundtrack Reflection Movie Reflection
Teacher Resources:	Potential Movies: Caught in the Rain (1914), Gold Rush (1925)

Unit Title	Historical Accuracy	Length of Unit	4 - 5 weeks

Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	Is film a legitimate historical source?
Standards	Developing Questions and Planning Inquiry
	INQ 9 - 12.2 INQ 9 - 12.3 INQ 9 - 12.4
	Evaluating Sources and Using Evidence
	INQ 9 - 12.7 INQ 9 - 12.8
	Change, Continuity, and Context
	HIST 9 - 12.1
	Historical Sources and Evidence
	HIST 9 - 12.10 HIST 9 - 12.13
Unit Strands &	Film reveals the significance of historical events
Concepts	Reinforcing racial stereotypes
	Learning from films with historical inaccuracies
Key Vocabulary	Theme, Stereotype, Point of view, abolitionist, Radical Republicans, Ku Klux Klan, Jim Crow Laws,
	carpetbagger

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Critical Content: My students will Know	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
 the differences in purpose of the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution the dominant contributing causes of the American Revolution the role of Black regiments during the American Revolution the impact the American Revolution the impact the American society and international relations the causes of the American Civil War the motivations for and impacts of the Emancipation Proclamation the political, social and economic impacts of the American Civil War the causes and effects of Westward Expansion 	 Evaluate the credibility of a source by examining how experts value the sources. Identify evidence that draws information directly and substantially from multiple sources to detect inconsistencies in evidence in order to revise or strengthen claims. Detect possible limitations in various kinds of historical evidence and differing secondary interpretations. Explain points of agreement and disagreement experts have about interpretations and applications of disciplinary concepts and ideas associated with a compelling question. Explain points of agreement and disagreement experts have about interpretations and applications of disciplinary concepts and ideas associated with a supporting question. Explain how supporting questions contribute to an inquiry and how, through engaging source work, new compelling and supporting questions emerge. Evaluate how historical events and developments were shaped by unique circumstances of time and place as well as broader historical contexts. Critique the appropriateness of the historical sources used in secondary interpretation.

Assessments:	 Performance Task: Movie Review and Critique Chart of Film Bias with Historical Reference
Teacher Resources:	Taking Sides American History, Volume II; Taking Sides: 20th Century American History Potential movies and resources include: <i>The Patriot</i> (2000), Smithsonian critique of The Patriot, <i>Gettysburg</i> (1993) <i>Glory</i> (1989), Emancipation Proclamation, <i>The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly</i> (1966)

Unit Title	Ethical Considerations	Length of Unit	4 - 5 weeks
Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	 Do filmmakers have an ethical obligation to accurately p What is the objective of film? 	ortray historical e	vents?
Standards	Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action INQ 9 - 12.13, INQ 9 - 12.14 Perspectives HIST 9 - 12.5, HIST 9 - 12.8 Causation and Argumentation HIST 9 - 12.16, HIST 9 - 12.17		
Unit Strands & Concepts	Propaganda filmsIndependent FilmsDocumentaries		
Key Vocabulary	propaganda, audience, analogy, independent film, yellow journa	alism, communism	, fascism, Nazism,

appeasement, genocide, Axis Powers, Allies, Pearl Harbor, internment camp, D-Day, Rosie Riveter

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Critical Content: My students will Know		Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
 the impact that WWI had on U.S. society the rationale behind the policy of appeasement by European powers reasons for U.S. reluctance to be involved in international affairs the purpose of propaganda different ways that films influence viewers 	explanat analyze line perspect analyze line which average time. integrate interpreduction of the control of	how historical contexts shaped and continue to shape people'

Assessments:	 Performance Task: Movie Review and Critique Around Ethics Chart of Film Bias Performance Task: Comparison of films (Characters, purpose, elements, etc.)
Teacher Resources:	Taking Sides American History, Volume II; Taking Sides: 20th Century American History Potential movies: <i>Saving Private Ryan</i> (1998), <i>Schindler's List</i> (1993), WWII propaganda films, <i>Unbroken</i> (2014), Region 14 Databases

Unit Title	Film As A Social Lens	Length of Unit	3 - 4 weeks

Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	Can films teach us about society?
Standards	Evaluating Sources and Using Evidence INQ 9 - 12.6 INQ 9 - 12.9 Communicating Conclusions and Taking Informed Action INQ 9 - 12.10 Historical Sources and Evidence HIST 9 - 12.12 Processes, Rules, and Laws CIV 9 - 12.7
Unit Strands & Concepts	 Evidence of the era: Dress, Music, Scenery Values of society
Key Vocabulary	context, Satire, imagery, segregation, civil disobedience, policy of containment, consumerism

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Critical Content: My students will Know	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
 the impact WWII had on American society the impact that the development of communism had on American society political, economic, and social tensions during the Cold War era popular culture during the Cold War era the rise of suburbia consumerism as an American value 	 gather relevant information from multiple sources representing a wide range of views, while using the origin, authority, structure, context, and corroborative value of the sources to guide the selection. refine claims and counterclaims attending to precision, significance, and knowledge conveyed through the claim while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both. construct arguments using precise and knowledgeable claims, with evidence from multiple sources, while acknowledging counterclaims and evidentiary weaknesses. use questions generated about multiple historical sources to pursue further inquiry and investigate additional sources, analyze historical, contemporary, and emerging means of changing societies, promoting the common good, and protecting rights.

Assessments:	 Performance Task: Comparisons between films (Characters, purpose, elements, etc.) Movie Review and Critique
Teacher Resources:	Taking Sides American History, Volume II; Taking Sides: 20th Century American History Potential movies: <i>It's A Wonderful Life</i> (1946), <i>Casablanca</i> (1942), <i>12 Angry Men</i> (1957), Region 14 Databases

Unit Title	Film & Politics	Length of Unit	4 - 5 weeks

Inquiry Questions (Engaging & Debatable)	Does film communicate important details about humanity?
Standards	Change, Continuity, and Context HIST 9 - 12.1 HIST 9 - 12.3 Perspectives HIST 9 - 12.4 HIST 9 - 12.6 Historical Sources and Evidence HIST 9 - 12.9 National Economy ECO 9-12.5
Unit Strands & Concepts	 Counterculture's representation in film Film aimed towards highly traditional idea of American Freedom Film as a source of patriotism
Key Vocabulary	arms race, space race, McCarthyism, containment, Berlin Wall, Iron Curtain, Gorbachev, Berlin Wall, suburbia,

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Critical Content: My students will Know	Key Skills: My students will be able to (Do)
 the causes of increasing paranoia. motivations for U.S. involvement in Vietnam. goals of the civil rights movement. methods used by different civil rights activists. new legislation that was introduced during the period. 	 Analyze complex and interacting factors that influenced the perspectives of people during different historical eras. Analyze the ways in which the perspectives of those writing history shaped the history that they produced. Explain how the perspectives of people in the present shape interpretations of the past. Analyze the relationship between historical sources and the secondary interpretations made from them. Use questions generated about individuals and groups to assess how the significance of their actions changes over time and is shaped by the historical context. Explain why advancements in technology and investments in capital goods and human capital increase economic growth and standards of living

Assessments:	 Performance Task: Comparisons between films (Characters, purpose, elements, etc.) Movie Review and Critique Performance Task about how films Reflect Culture
Teacher Resources:	Taking Sides American History, Volume II; Taking Sides: 20th Century American History Potential Films: <i>Easy Rider</i> (1969), <i>Rocky IV</i> (1985), <i>Hunt for Red October</i> (1990), <i>We Were Soldiers</i> (2002), <i>Grease</i> (1978), <i>Back to the Future</i> (1985), <i>The Breakfast Club</i> (1985), Region 14 Databases