



Unit Nine

Unit Title: The Cold War (1945-1991)

World History

Unit Length and Description:

3 weeks

This unit focuses on using historical thinking skills to examine the social, political, and economic changes wrought by World War II and its influence on world events up until the late twentieth century.

Standards:

Standard 1: Historical Thinking Skills

WH.1.1	Produce clear and coherent writing for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conducting short and sustained research • evaluating conclusions from evidence (broad variety, primary and secondary sources) • evaluating varied explanations for actions/events • determining the meaning of words and phrases from historical texts • analyzing historians' points of view
WH.1.3	Use a variety of sources to analyze the validity of information in terms of facts, opinions, or propaganda
WH.1.4	Analyze historical events through the use of debates, timelines, cartoons, maps, graphs, and other historical sources

Standard 7: Global Challenges

WH.7.1	Summarize the origins of the Cold War, including the major differences in the political ideologies and values of the Western democracies versus the Soviet Bloc
WH.7.2	Describe the causes and effects of the Cold War crises and military conflicts on the world
WH.7.3	Evaluate the changes that occurred in Asia, Africa, and the Middle East as a result of the end of colonial rule
WH.7.5	Explain the causes and consequences of the breakup of the Soviet Union on the world

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

How do different perspectives affect the interpretation of history?

Essential Questions- Supporting Question:

- How can ideological conflicts lead to change? What accounts for ideological changes in the government and society?
- What are the human, economic, social, and

political costs of war?

- In what ways do multiple perspectives better inform our understanding of history?
- How are governments created, organized, sustained, and altered?
- How do societies change as a result of cultural convergence and divergence?