



Unit Five

Unit Title: The Cold War and American Society 1945-1989

US History

Unit Length and Description:

8 weeks

This unit focuses on the onset of the Cold War, the foreign policies held by each Cold War presidential administration, and how those foreign policies impacted American identity at home, such as the Civil Rights Movement, counterculture, and various other social movements. Students will also learn how various events through the 50s, 60s, and 70s defined the nation.

Standards:

US.4.10	Describe how key political and military leaders affected the outcome of World War II and led to the beginning of the Cold War
US.5.1	Analyze the impact of U.S. domestic and foreign policy on Cold War events during the 1940s and 1950s and explain how these policies attempted to contain the spread of communism
US.5.2	Cite evidence that links domestic events and foreign policies of the 1960s and 1970s to escalating Cold War tensions
US.5.3	Explain how the post-war social movements caused change by analyzing the methods used by the leaders, the effectiveness of legislation, and the impact of key events
US.5.4	Describe the role and importance of the Civil Rights movement in the expansion of opportunities for African Americans in the United States
US.5.5	Explain how the leaders' personalities, events, and policies of the 1980s combined to bring about an end to the Cold War
US.6.2	Describe advances in medicine, technology, and the media during the modern era and explain how these advances have altered society
US.6.4	Describe events that changed American people's perceptions of government over time
US.6.5	Identify landmark Supreme Court decisions from the Warren Court to the present, categorize the ideology of the decisions, and assess the impact on political and social institutions

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:

Is a nation defined by its foreign policy?

Essential Questions- Supporting Question:

- How have foreign policies impacted American identity at home?
- How did the Civil Rights movement define the

nation?

- In what ways did the counterculture of the 60's define the nation's identity?