



## Unit Six

### Unit Title: Entering a New Era

#### US History

#### Unit Length and Description:

#### 4 weeks

Students explore the presidential administrations and their policies in the post-Cold War era, along with key events of U.S.-Middle East relations and their impacts on the U.S. economy and national security. Students also trace the roots of foreign and domestic terrorism, and how life in America has changed under the threat of terrorism.

#### Standards:

##### Standard 1: Historical Thinking Skills

US.1.1	Produce clear and coherent writing for a range of tasks, purposes, and audiences by completing the following tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducting historical research</li><li>• Evaluating a broad variety of primary and secondary sources</li><li>• Comparing and contrasting varied points of view</li><li>• Determining the meaning of words and phrases from historical texts</li><li>• Using technology to research, produce, or publish a written product</li></ul>
US.1.2	Explain patterns and recurring themes in United States history
US.1.3	Analyze the causes and effects of key events and ideas in the development of the United States
US.1.4	Interpret and construct timelines of key events, people and ideas
US.1.5	Analyze primary and secondary sources to answer questions related to United States history

##### Standard 6: The Modern Age

US.6.1	Compare and contrast the domestic policies of the post-Cold War presidencies
US.6.2	Describe advances in medicine, technology, and the media during the modern era and explain how these advances have altered society
US.6.3	Trace the evolution of United States relationships with Middle East countries and explain how these interactions have defined our image in the region
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
US.6.6	Trace the rise in domestic and foreign terrorism and analyze its effect on America's way of life

#### Enduring Understandings-

#### Essential Questions-

<b>Compelling Question:</b>	<b>Supporting Question:</b>
What defines us as a modern nation: domestic policy or foreign policy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are peace and stability in the Middle East vital to the U.S. economy and national security?</li><li>• How does a president influence the national identity?</li><li>• Is free trade worth the price?</li></ul>