



North Polk Community Schools Pacing & Course Description Guide



Grade Level: 10-12

Content: The Civil War

Year: 2022-23

Course Description/Rationale

This is an elective course on the American Civil War. This class takes an in-depth look at how the Civil War shaped our nation into the current day. The confrontations over slavery leading up to the war will be studied in detail. The personality of Abraham Lincoln will be a major topic in this course. Key Civil War battles will be examined from multiple perspectives. Reconstruction will also be studied in this class as a way to learn how the country started to come to terms with the events of 1861-1865.

Name of Unit	Time Frame	Essential Learning Target	Standard(s)
The Path to War	4 Weeks	Explain how the issue of slavery tore the country apart in the decades leading up to the Civil War.	SS-US.9-12.17 SS-US.9-12.18. SS-US.9-12.25 SS-US.9-12.26
Abraham Lincoln	3 Weeks	Discuss how Lincoln's understanding of the war evolved during his presidency.	SS-US.9-12.15. SS-US.9-12.23. SS-US.9-12.24
The War	5 Weeks	Detail how the Union was eventually able to overcome the Confederacy and win the Civil War.	SS-US.9-12.22 SS-US.9-12.24 SS-US.9-12.27
Reconstruction	4 Weeks	Discuss the steps taken to repair the country after the war and the events that led to the collapse of Reconstruction in 1877.	SS-US.9-12.13. SS-US.9-12.24 SS-US.9-12.25
Legacy of the Civil War	2 Weeks	Examine how the legacy of the Civil War has affected America long after the end of the war.	SS-US.9-12.21 SS-US.9-12.25

