

## **Moon Area School District Curriculum Map**

**Course:** Honor Contemporary Global History & Current Events

**Grade Level:** 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Content Area:** Social Studies

**Frequency:** Full-Year Course

### **Big Ideas**

1. Unit 1: (Intro to Course / Review the End of WWII) The transition from WWII into the post War world; Political Parties; Communism vs Capitalism; Liberalism vs Conservatism; The Beginning of the Nuclear Age; Compare events of this era to current events
2. Unit 2: (The Cold War Begins: 1945-1952) The US role as a world leader in the ideological struggle between capitalism and communism; Second Red Scare and its effect on American Society; Truman Era domestic policies and the conservative response; The Election of 1948; Korean War; Compare events of this era to current events
3. Unit 3: (The 50s) Civil Rights Movement; Baby boom, demographic changes and Suburban America; Postwar US: social/cultural, economic; Eisenhower's domestic and foreign policies including Brinkmanship, covert ops, and Moderate Republicanism; Compare events of this era to current events
4. Unit 4: (The Early - Mid 1960s) JFK background, domestic policy, foreign policy, and assassination; LBJ: Background and Domestic Policy; Civil Rights Movement; Warren Court Decisions; Compare events of this era to current events
5. Unit 5: (The Vietnam Era 1954-1975) US policies that led to decision to support South Vietnam; The Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and Johnson's escalation of the war; Lasting impact of events of the Vietnam Era on the soldiers, American Society/Culture, and US politics; Nixon's decision to expand the war and his efforts to institute Vietnamization; Impact of the Pentagon Papers on American trust in government, Influence on the Counter Culture and its impact on society; Compare events of this era to current events
6. Unit 6: (The mid-late 70s) Nixon's policy of Détente and its impact on US/USSR/China relations; Nixon's role as a Law and Order president and the effect of the silent majority; The impact of Watergate on America's trust in government; The impact of stagflation on Ford and Carter's presidency and their attempted responses; Ford and Carter's attempts to respond to a renewed Cold War with the USSR; The revolution of in Iran, American hostages, and Carter's response; Effect of the environmental movement on future economic, political, and conservation movements; Impact of the liberal movements on American politics and society; Tech, Social, and Cultural changes in society; Compare events of this era to current events.
7. Unit 7: (Neo - Conservatism & the End of the Cold War) Rise of Neo-conservatism; Reagan and Bush: Background, foreign and domestic policy; Fall of the Berlin Wall & The End of the Cold War; Iran Contra Scandal; Tiananmen Square; Persian Gulf War; Social, Tech and Cultural Changes; Current Events.

8. Unit 8: (The Clinton Era) Clinton Presidency; How did the Contact with America affect the legislative agenda?; Immigration; Technology and Globalization; Social/Cultural Change of the 90s; Economic prosperity; Compare events of this era to current events.
9. Unit 9: (2000s) Election of 2000; 911; War on Terror; Bush 43 Presidency; Advances in Science and technology; Society and Culture; Environment; Election of 2008; Obama Presidency; Current events.
10. Unit 10: (Themes of the Modern World) Issues facing our society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century; Globalization; Tech, Soc/Cultural changes; Future Predictions; Compare events of this era to current events.
11. Final Exams and End of Year Surveys

### **Essential Questions**

12. What are the fundamental differences between the philosophies of Communism and Capitalism?
13. What are the fundamental differences between the philosophies of Liberalism and Conservatism?
14. Was the United States justified in dropping the Atomic Bomb?
15. What effects did America's development and use of the atomic bomb have on the Cold War?
16. Why was it called a "Cold War?" Why and how was it fought?
17. How was the world divided after WWII? (including Germany, Europe, Asia, etc.)
18. What ideas led to the Containment policy and how was it implemented? (Marshall Plan, Korean War, Berlin Airlift, NATO, Warsaw Pact, etc.)
19. What were the causes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Red Scare in American and who were its most influential role players?
20. What were the primary domestic issues of the Truman Era?
21. Why was Truman considered vulnerable in the Election of 1948?
22. Why did the US get involved in the Korean War?
23. What were the catalysts of the Civil Rights Movement?
24. What were the effects of the Baby Boom on American society and culture?
25. What was the role of women in society?
26. How did the economy and culture change in the 1950s?
27. What was the domestic agenda of the 50s?
28. How did Mass Media affect society?
29. How did Eisenhower use of Massive Retaliation and Covert Operations affect Cold War tensions?
30. What were the deciding factors in the election of 1960?
31. What effect did JFK domestic policies have on American society?
32. How did Kennedy's foreign policy differ from his predecessors and what was the effect on US/USSR relations?
33. Why is Kennedy's assassination seen as such a pivotal moment in American history?
34. Who were the key people, events, and advances of the Civil Rights Movement during the era?
35. What were the reasons for and how has the Great Society impacted America?

36. How did the Warren Court decisions change due process and other aspects of America?
37. What were the causes, major events, turns in the war, and results of Vietnam both for the US and the world?
38. Why did the US go through such turmoil during this era?
39. What were Nixon's major domestic and foreign initiatives?
40. Why was the war expanded into Cambodia and Laos and what were the results?
41. How did our culture change during the Vietnam era?  
Include Youth Movement and Counterculture
42. Why did the US win most of the battles yet not have success in Vietnam?
43. What were the causes and results of the counterculture?
44. What were the goals and impact of détente?
45. What was the domestic strategy of the Nixon administration?
46. What were the key events, key people, events and results of the Watergate scandal?
47. What was stagflation? How did Ford and Carter attempt to counteract that?
48. How did the Cold War change during the mid-late 70s?
49. How did Watergate impact American trust in the government?
50. What were the tactics made by and the changes made by the liberal movements in the 70s?
51. What were some of the lasting technological, social and cultural changes in the 70s?
52. What individuals and organizations led the conservative revival?
53. Why was there increased religious involvement in politics in the 80s?
54. What were the causes and results of the Reaganomics of the 80s?
55. How did the approach to the Cold War change in the 80s?
56. What were the implications of the Iran Contra Scandal?
57. What were the technological and social/cultural changes of the 80s?
58. Why did the communist country political systems collapse?  
(Eastern Europe)
59. Why did students protest in Tiananmen Square?
60. What were the causes, major events, and results of the Persian Gulf War?
61. Compare events of this era to current events
62. What led to the election of Clinton in 1992?
63. What was the Clinton agenda? How did that contrast with the Contract with America?  
What was passed and how did it affect the country?
64. Why was the president impeached?
65. How has Immigration showed continuity or COT?
66. How has the US coped with being the world's remaining superpower?
67. What led the Technological Revolution and how has it effected our society and culture?
68. What were the Social and Cultural Trends of the 90s?
69. Why did the world become more interdependent in the 1990s?
70. What led to the economic expansion of the decade?
71. Compare events of this era to current events.
72. What were the historic implications of the Election of 2000?
73. How has 911 affected the US and the world?
74. What are the challenges in fighting the war terror?
75. What are the causes, major events and results of the war in Afghanistan and Iraq?

76. What are some of the societal and culture changes the have taken place in the new century?
77. How has scientific and tech advances changed America?
78. How have people's perceptions changed concerning the environment?
79. What were some of the major foreign and domestic achievements of the Bush43 and Obama presidencies?
80. Compare events of this era to current events.
81. What are the issues that face our society now and into the future?  
(Econ-gas prices, housing market, social security, Medicare, health care, homeland security, natural disasters, slavery, globalization, terrorism, Disease, world hunger, Immigration, Environment)
82. How will the rise of other countries affect the world now and into the future?  
(India, China)
83. What are your prediction for the future of the United States?
84. What are the issues that face our society and the world? Predictions for the future?
85. Current Events.

**Honors Differentiation:**

This course (which includes the same topics as described in the academic 11th grade course) is intended for students who have an interest in social studies and desire a more demanding course offering. In addition to the normal prerequisite, students will write essays, at least one persuasive essay, do additional readings and activities designed to enhance critical thinking skills. Students are required to contribute in greater detail to class discussion and to analyze primary and secondary sources. There are several required research projects.

**Primary Resource(s) & Technology:**

Textbook Series, Microsoft Teams, Promethean Boards, Student Laptops and a myriad of other primary and secondary sources and docs including including Crash Course, 20<sup>th</sup> Century Battlefields, Eyes on the Prize, etc....

**Standards:**

Academic Standards for Writing in History and Social Studies (PDE)  
Academic Standards for Reading in History and Social Studies (PDE)  
National Council of Social Studies

<b>Big Ideas/EQs</b>	<b>Focus Standards</b>	<b>Assessed Competencies</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
1. Unit 1: (Intro to Course / Review	CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, H	Analyze how the war was brought to a close with the Axis Powers.  Describe the implications for decisions made at Yalta, Potsdam and the other major conferences.	Late August - Early Sept.

<p>the End of WWII)</p>	<p>CC.8.6.11-12 B, E, F, G</p> <p>NCSS Themes 2, 4, 8, 9</p>	<p>Evaluate the use atomic weapon against Japan.</p> <p>Analyze the results and cost of the war</p> <p>Evaluate the social, political, economic and technological changes brought about by the war</p> <p>Assess the debates over U.S. involvement in World War II related to contemporary discussions of political values (such as democracy, freedom, and citizenship) and about U.S. national identity.</p> <p>Identify the purpose was the United Nations.</p> <p>Categorize PERSIAMDC groupings for historic and current events.</p>	
<p>2. Unit 2: (The Cold War Begins: 1945-1952)</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H</p> <p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, F, G</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9</p>	<p>Explain the differences between capitalism and communism.</p> <p>Explain the origins of the Containment policy and the strategies used to implement the policy.</p> <p>Describe the conflicts between the USSR and US over the reconstruction of Germany and Eastern Europe.</p> <p>Describe the effects of Containment on American foreign policy.</p> <p>Describe the origins and outcomes of the Korean War and its impact on the modern era.</p> <p>Explain how the Red Scare impacted political views as well as the lives of every day American citizens, artists, and government officials</p> <p>Describe the rise and fall of McCarthyism.</p> <p>Explain Truman’s liberal domestic policies and the conservative response.</p> <p>Analyze the results of the election of 1948.</p>	<p>Sept- Early Oct</p>

		Compare events of this era to current events,	
3. Unit 3: (The 50s)	<p>CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J</p> <p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</p>	<p>Explain the events that led to a renewed call for Civil Rights.</p> <p>Describe how Eisenhower used his policy of Massive Retaliation and explain the effects of these policies?</p> <p>Explain what led to Eisenhower's decision to use covert operations and the effects this had on America's image.</p> <p>Analyze how the economic prosperity of the 1950s was experienced by different subgroups.</p> <p>Compare events of this era to current events.</p>	Oct
4. Unit 4: (The Early - Mid 1960s)	<p>CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, E, F, H, I, J</p> <p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, C, E, F, G</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</p>	<p>Describe what factors played a role in the election of 1960.</p> <p>Define the New Frontier and its impact on American Society.</p> <p>Analyze the effectiveness of Kennedy's Flexible Response strategy.</p> <p>Explain the results of the Bay of Pigs and its impact on the relationship between the U.S. and Latin American countries.</p> <p>Investigate the Cuban Missile Crisis and explain key points including its origins, the buildup, and the final results.</p> <p>Explain why the Berlin Wall was built, by whom, and its impact.</p> <p>Analyze the assassination of JFK and evaluate the impact on society as well as the legitimacy of alternate theories.</p>	Nov

		<p>Evaluate the effectiveness of Civil Rights including the Civil Rights Act of '64 and the Voting Rights Act of '65.</p> <p>Evaluate the results of the Great Society programs.</p> <p>Evaluate the impact of the Warren Court.</p> <p>Compare events of this era to current events</p>	
<p>5. Unit 5: (The Vietnam Era 1954-1975)</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J</p> <p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</p>	<p>Explain how/why the U.S. became involved in the Vietnam conflict.</p> <p>Evaluate the strategies, styles, and moral dilemma of the warfare of the Vt War</p> <p>Describe the major differences between the governments of North and South Vietnam.</p> <p>Analyze the events that led to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and how this impacted the escalation of the war.</p> <p>Explain how the Vietnam War impacted soldiers as well as American society/culture and politics.</p> <p>Evaluate the ending, results, and lasting impact of the Vietnam.</p> <p>Compare events of this era to current events</p>	<p>Dec- Early Jan</p>
<p>6. Unit 6: (The mid-late 70s)</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F</p> <p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1,</p>	<p>Explain how Nixon's focus on law and order, the silent majority, and the Southern strategy impacted his election results.</p> <p>Define détente and explain how this policy impacted relations with the USSR and China.</p> <p>Analyze the Watergate scandal and explain key events, people involved, and results.</p> <p>Explain how the Watergate scandal further impacted American disillusionment with government.</p>	<p>Late Jan- Early Feb</p>

	<p>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</p>	<p>Explain why Ford chose to pardon Nixon and how this divided American opinion.</p> <p>Evaluate the presidencies of Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.</p> <p>Identify environmental laws and their impacts.</p> <p>Women’s rights initiatives and their influence on society/culture.</p> <p>Evaluate Tec, Social and cultural changes.</p> <p>Compare events of this era to current events.</p>	
<p>7. Unit 7: (Neo - Conservatism &amp; the End of the Cold War)</p>	<p>CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J</p> <p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</p>	<p>Explain the shift to conservatism in America in the 1980s.</p> <p>Analyze the revolutionary change in our society in several categories such as pol, econ, fashion, music, etc.</p> <p>Create Digital magazines highlighting 4 PERSIAMDC Categories for a year in the 1980s.</p> <p>Analyze Ronald Reagan including background, domestic, policy/issues and foreign policy/issues during his presidency.</p> <p>Diagram the Iran Contra scandal.</p> <p>Analyze music genre classifications and cultural impact from the 80s.</p> <p>Create timelines and maps for the fall of communism.</p> <p>Analyze George HW Bush including background, domestic policy/issues and foreign policy/issues during his presidency.</p> <p>Evaluate the causes and results of the Persian Gulf War.</p> <p>Compare events of this era to current events.</p>	<p>Late Feb- March</p>



8. Unit 8: (The Clinton Era)	CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H  CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G  NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Analyze Clinton’s background, domestic and foreign policy.  Evaluate the Contract with America  Analyze Immigration Trends.  Evaluate the Impeachment of Bill Clinton.  Analyze how technology has changed our society and culture.  Analyze the effects of technology and globalization.  Evaluate the Economic trends of the 90s.  Compare events of this era to current events.	Late March-April
9. Unit 9: (2000s)	CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H  CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, D, E, G  NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Analyze the Election of 2000.  Evaluate the US response to the 911 attacks.  Assess the Wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.  Describe and analyze the impact of improvements in communication technology and scientific developments in the new century.  Analyze the foreign and domestic policy for Bush43 and Obama.  Analyze the societal and cultural changes in the 2000s.  Compare events of this era to current events.	April – Early May
10. Unit 10: (Themes of	CC.8.5.11-12 A, B, E, G	Analyze the issues facing the modern world.  Describe and evaluate the state of global economic interdependence in the modern world.	May

<p>the Modern World)</p>	<p>CC.8.6.11-12 A, B, C, D, E, F, G</p> <p>NCSS Themes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10</p>	<p>Analyze the economic and social impact of a global economy on its participants, and assess governmental and international responses to its impact.</p> <p>Identify and assess the environmental impact of increased industrialization and economic interdependence.</p> <p>Describe the interaction between distinct cultures across national boundaries in the modern world.</p> <p>Compare events of this era to current events.</p>	
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