

# Standards-Based Education Priority Standards

# Cambridge US Studies 2

## 12th Grade

## **Knowledge & Understanding**

- PS 1 Understands the significance of the historical developments of the late 1940's and 1950's in the United States
- PS 2 Understands the significance of the historical developments of the 1960's and 1970's in the United States
- PS 3 Understands the significance of the historical developments of the 1980's in the United States
- PS 4 Understands the significance of the development of US Foreign Policy during the period from 1945-1991
- PS 5 Understands and explains varying approaches to and interpretations of history (how and why historians develop varying interpretations of events)
- PS 6 Understands the significance of historical developments that led to the Holocaust
- PS7 C1: Understands key ideals and principles of the United States, including those in the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and other foundational documents.
- PS8 C2: Understands the purposes, organization, and function of governments, laws, and political systems.

### Investigation

- PS 9 Evaluate various explanations for actions or events and determine which explanation best accords with textual evidence, acknowledging where the text leaves matters uncertain
- PS 10 Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g. visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem
- PS 11 Evaluate an author's premises, claims, and evidence by corroborating or challenging them with other information
- PS12 C4: Understands civic involvement.

#### Communication

- PS 13 Creates a product that uses social studies content to support a thesis and presents the product in an appropriate manner to a meaningful audience
- PS 14 Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- PS 15 Use technology, including the Internet, to produce, publish, and update individual or shared writing products in response to ongoing feedback, including new arguments or information

#### Thinking Critically

- PS 16 Analyzes differing interpretations of events in US History
- PS 17 Uses critical reasoning skills to analyze and evaluate position
- PS 18 Evaluate authors' differing points of view on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors' claims, reasoning and evidence
- PS19 C3 Understands the purposes and organization of tribal and international relationships and US foreign policy.

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