

**Davison Community Schools**  
**U.S. History**

**Course Outline**

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**Priority Standards**

6.2.1 Growth of U.S. Global Power – describe how America redefined its foreign policy between 1890 and 1914 and analyze the causes and consequences of the U.S. emergence as an imperial power in this time period, using relevant examples of territorial expansion and involvement in foreign conflicts.

6.2.3 Domestic Impact of World War I – analyze the domestic impact of World War I on the growth of the government, the expansion of the economy, the restrictions on civil liberties, the expansion of women’s suffrage, and on internal migration.

7.2.1 Causes of World War II – analyze the factors contributing to World War II in Europe and in the Pacific region, and America’s entry into war, including:

- political and economic disputes over territory.
- the differences in the civic and political values of the United States and those of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan.
- U.S. neutrality.
- the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

7.2.4 Responses to Genocide – investigate the responses to Hitler’s “Final Solution” policy by the Allies, the U.S. government, international organizations, and individuals.

8.1.1 Origins and Beginnings of the Cold War – analyze the factors that contributed to the Cold War, including:

- differences in the civic, ideological, and political values, and in the economic and governmental institutions, of the United States and the Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.).
- diplomatic and political actions by both the United States and the U.S.S.R. in the last years of World War II and the years afterward.

8.1.2 Foreign Policy During the Cold War – compare the causes and consequences of the American policy of containment including:

- the development and growth of a U.S. national security establishment and intelligence community.
- the direct and/or armed conflicts with Communism (for example, but not limited to: Berlin, Korea, Cuba).
- U.S. involvement in Vietnam, and the foreign and domestic consequences of the war.
- indirect (or proxy) confrontations within specific world regions.

- the arms race and its implications on science, technology, and education.

9.2.2 9/11 and Responses to Terrorism – analyze how the attacks on 9/11 and the response to terrorism have altered American domestic and international policies.

6.1.3 Urbanization – explain the causes and consequences of urbanization, including:

- the location and expansion of major urban centers and their link to industry and trade.
- internal migration, including the Great Migration.
- the development of cities divided by race, ethnicity, and class, as well as the resulting tensions among and within groups.
- different perspectives about the immigrant experience.

6.3.2 Analyze the social, political, economic, and cultural changes that occurred during the Progressive Era.

6.3.4 Women’s Suffrage – Analyze the successes and failures of efforts to expand women’s rights, including the work of important leaders and the eventual ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment.

7.1.3 The New Deal Era – explain and evaluate President Franklin Roosevelt’s policies and tactics during the New Deal era, including:

- the changing role of the federal government’s responsibilities to protect the environment, meet challenges of unemployment, and to address the needs of workers, farmers, Indigenous Peoples, the poor, and the elderly.
- opposition to the New Deal and the impact of the Supreme Court in striking down and then accepting New Deal laws.
- the impact of the Supreme Court on evaluating the constitutionality of various New Deal policies.
- consequences of New Deal policies.

8.2.4 Domestic Conflicts and Tensions – analyze and evaluate the competing perspectives and controversies among Americans generated by U.S. Supreme Court decisions, the Vietnam War, the environmental movement, the movement for Civil Rights (See U.S. History Standards 8.3) and the constitutional crisis generated by the Watergate scandal.

8.3.1 Civil Rights Movement – analyze key events, ideals, documents, and organizations in the struggle for African-American civil rights including:

- the impact of World War II and the Cold War.
- Responses to Supreme Court decisions and governmental actions.
- the Civil Rights Act (1964).
- protest movements.
- rights.
- organizations.
- civil actions.

9.1.2 Transformation of American Politics – analyze the transformation of American politics in the late 20th and early 21st centuries, including:

- the growth of the conservative movement in national politics, including the role of Ronald Reagan.
- the role of evangelical religion in national politics.
- the intensification of partisanship.
- the partisan conflict over the role of government in American life.
- the role of regional differences in national politics.