

Elizabethtown Area School District  
Scope & Sequence - Quick Reference



**Department:** Social Studies

**Course:** United States History, 1850-1940

**Grade Level:** 8

<i>Unit Title</i>	<i>General Topic(s)</i>	<i>Pacing</i>
1. Antebellum America (1850-1860)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Missouri Compromise, Compromise of 1850, and Kansas-Nebraska Act</li><li>• <i>Scott v. Sandford</i> (1857)</li><li>• Abolitionist Movement (Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, John Brown)</li><li>• tensions between North and South (economic, cultural, and political differences)</li><li>• Election of 1860 and secession</li></ul>	5 weeks
2. The Civil War (1861-1865)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• major battles (Antietam, Gettysburg, etc.)</li><li>• Emancipation Proclamation</li><li>• roles of key figures (Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Ulysses S. Grant)</li><li>• the war's impact on African-Americans and the abolition of slavery</li></ul>	4 weeks

<p>3. Reconstruction (1865-1877)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presidential vs. Congressional Reconstruction</li> <li>● Black Codes and Jim Crow</li> <li>● Freedmen’s Bureau and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments</li> <li>● Reconstruction’s successes and failures</li> <li>● the Compromise of 1877</li> </ul>	<p>3 weeks</p>
<p>4. Westward Expansion (1865-1898)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● closing of the frontier</li> <li>● Native American resistance</li> <li>● railroads, mining, and farming in the West</li> </ul>	<p>3 weeks</p>
<p>5. The Gilded Age and Progressive Era</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● growth of industry and monopolies (Carnegie, Rockefeller, Vanderbilt)</li> <li>● labor movements and strikes (Haymarket, Pullman Strike)</li> <li>● immigration and urbanization</li> <li>● corruption and politics (Tammany Hall, Boss Tweed, political machines)</li> <li>● social reforms and the rise of Progressivism</li> </ul>	<p>4 weeks</p>
<p>6. U.S. Imperialism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spanish-American War</li> <li>● American territorial acquisitions</li> <li>● Dollar Diplomacy and U.S. involvement in Latin America</li> </ul>	<p>3 weeks</p>
<p>7. World War I (1914-1918)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● causes of World War I (militarism, alliances, imperialism, nationalism)</li> <li>● U.S. involvement (Zimmermann Telegram,</li> </ul>	<p>4 weeks</p>

	<p>Lusitania, unrestricted submarine warfare)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● key battles and technological advancements (trench warfare, machine guns, chemical weapons)</li> <li>● impacts on the homefront (war bonds, rationing, women in the workforce)</li> <li>● the Treaty of Versailles</li> </ul>	
8. American Social and Political Changes in the 1920s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the Roaring Twenties (economic boom, consumerism, and credit culture)</li> <li>● Harlem Renaissance and cultural changes (jazz, radio, literature, flappers)</li> <li>● Prohibition and organized crime (Al Capone, speakeasies, bootlegging)</li> <li>● Women's Suffrage</li> <li>● isolationism, the First Red Scare, and nativism</li> </ul>	4 weeks
9. The Great Depression & New Deal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● causes of the Great Depression (stock market crash, bank failures)</li> <li>● impacts on everyday Americans (unemployment, poverty, Hooverilles, Dust Bowl)</li> <li>● FDR's New Deal policies (Social Security, WPA, CCC, banking reforms)</li> <li>● Supreme Court challenges to New Deal policies</li> <li>● Legacy of the New Deal on government and the economy</li> </ul>	5 weeks