**Period 5: Civil War and Reconstruction**

**1844-1877**

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**Content/Topics:**

* Boundary Disputes
* Expansion
* Mexican American War
* Debates over the expansion of slavery
* Civil War
* Reconstruction

**Essential Questions**

* What are the causes and effects of the belief in Manifest Destiny?
* What is the relationship between expansion and the Civil War?
* Was the Mexican American War justifiable? Why or why not?
* What were the long and short term impacts of the Mexican American War?
* Why did the compromises not ultimately solve the problem of sectionalism?
* Was the Civil War inevitable?
* What were the political, economic, and social causes of the Civil War?
* What advantages and disadvantages of the North during the Civil War? Of the South?
* What role did executive power play in the Civil War both militaristically and domestically?
* What were the major issues debated during Reconstruction? (Think about Lincoln vs. Radical Republicans vs. Johnson vs. South/Democrats)
* What were the successes and failures of Reconstruction?
* What are the long term impacts of the Civil War and Reconstruction?

**Required Reading: AMSCO**

* Chapter 12 – Territorial and Economic Expansion, 1830-1860
* Chapter 13 – The Union in Peril, 1848-1861
* Chapter 14 – The Civil War, 1861-1865
* Chapter 15 – Reconstruction, 1863-1877

**Textbook Reading: The American Pageant**

* Chapter 17 – Manifest Destiny and Its Legacy
* Chapter 18 – Renewing the Sectional Struggle
* Chapter 19 – Drifting Toward Disunion
* Chapter 20 – Girding for War: The North and the South
* Chapter 21 – The Furnace of Civil War
* Chapter 22 – The Ordeal of Reconstruction

**Vocabulary:**

* Manifest Destiny
* Gold Rush
* Federal Land Grants
* Oregon Territory
* Wilmot Proviso
* Mexican War
* Annexation of Texas
* Bear Flag Republic
* Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo
* Gadsden Purchase
* Matthew C. Perry
* Free Soil Party
* Popular Sovereignty
* Compromise of 1850
* Fugitive Slave Act
* Underground Railroad
* Uncle Tom’s Cabin
* Frederick Douglass
* Kansas-Nebraska Act
* Charles Sumner
* Republican Party (1860s)
* Know-Nothing Party
* Lecompton Constitution
* Dred Scott v. Sanford
* Lincoln-Douglas Debates
* John Brown
* Harper’s Ferry Raid
* Election of 1860
* Abraham Lincoln
* Secession
* Crittenden Compromise
* Border states
* Confederate States of America
* Morrill Tariff Act
* Morrill Land Grant Act
* Pacific Railway Act
* Homestead Act
* Fort Sumter
* Robert E. Lee
* Ulysses S. Grant
* Gettysburg
* Sherman’s March
* Executive power
* Habeas corpus
* Emancipation Proclamation
* 13th Amendment
* 14th Amendment
* 15th Amendment
* Massachusetts 54th Regiment
* Civil Rights Act of 1866 & 1875
* Wade-Davis Bill
* Freedmen’s Bill
* Black Codes
* Radical Republicans
* Reconstruction Acts
* Tenure of Office Act
* Scalawags
* Carpetbaggers
* Sharecropping
* Hiram Revels
* Ku Klux Klan
* Force Acts (1870, 1871)
* Compromise of 1877

**Learning Targets:**

Self-evaluation – Rank yourself for each target – could you teach the target easily to someone else?

**3. Got it 2. Almost 1. Not yet**

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| **Target** | **Theme/Skill** | **Self-Eval** |
| 5.1 Explain the context in which sectional conflict emerged from 1844-1877 | Contextualization |  |
| 5.2 Explain the causes and effects of westward expansion from 1844 to 1877 | Geography and the Environment |  |
| 5.3 Explain the causes and effects of the Mexican American War | America in the World |  |
| 5.4 Explain the similarities and differences in how regional attitudes affected federal policy in the period after the Mexican American War | American and National Identity |  |
| 5.5a Explain the effects of immigration from various parts of the world from various parts of the world on American culture from 1844 to 1877 | American & Regional Culture |  |
| 5.5b Explain how regional differences related to slavery caused tension in the years leading up to the Civil War. | Social Structures |  |
| 5.6 Explain the political causes of the Civil War | Politics and Power |  |
| 5.7 Describe the effects of Lincoln’s election | Politics and Power |  |
| 5.8 Explain the various factors that contributed to the Union victory in the Civil War | America in the World |  |
| 5.9 Explain how Lincoln’s leadership during the Civil War impacted American ideals over the course of the war. | American and National Identity |  |
| 5.10 Explain the effects of government policy during Reconstruction on society from 1865 to 1877 | Politics and Power |  |
| 5.11 Explain how and why Reconstruction resulted in continuity and change in regional and national understandings of what it meant to be American | American and National Identity |  |
| 5.12 Compare the relative significance of the Civil War on American values | Comparison |  |