**Period 8: America as a Superpower**

**1945 - 1980**

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**Content/Topics:**

* Postwar America
* Cold War
* Civil Rights Era

**Essential Questions**

* How did the US change politically, socially, and economically after WWII?
* What were the short and long term impacts of the suburbs on the US? The baby boom?
* What policies did the US use at the beginning of the Cold War? How and why did these change from 1945 to 1980?
* What was the Red Scare and what effects did it have on American society?
* What is the significance of the highway system and consumer culture of the 1950s?
* How, why, and where did the Cold War heat up from 1945-1980?
* What is the military industrial complex and how did it change the US politically, socially, and economically?
* Why did the civil rights movement really take off following WWII? How did it?
* What were the short and long term effects of the Great Society?
* How and why did the civil rights movement change during the 1960s?
* How did society change for all groups during the 1960s?
* What are the causes and effects of the Vietnam War?
* What are the positive and negative sides of the Nixon presidency?
* How did political parties and their voters change from the 1960s to the 1980s?

**Required Reading: AMSCO**

* Chapter 26 – Truman and the Cold War, 1945-1952
* Chapter 27 – The Eisenhower Years, 1952-1960
* Chapter 28 – Promise and Turmoil, The 1960s
* Chapter 29 – Limits of a Superpower, 1969-1980

**Vocabulary:**

* GI Bill
* Baby Boom
* White Flight
* Sunbelt
* 22nd Amendment
* Executive Order 9981
* Dixiecrats
* Fair Deal
* United Nations
* World Bank
* Iron Curtain
* George Kennan
* Containment policy
* Berlin Airlift
* NATO
* NSC-68
* Arms Race
* Douglas MacArthur
* Mao Zedong
* Korean War
* 38th parallel
* HUAC
* Hollywood blacklists
* Alger Hiss
* Joseph McCarthy
* The Rosenberg case
* McCarthyism
* Highway Act, 1956
* John Foster Dulles
* Brinksmanship
* Decolonization
* CIA
* Ho Chi Minh
* Domino theory
* Israel
* Suez Canal
* OPEC
* Eisenhower Doctrine
* Warsaw Pact
* Sputnik
* NASA
* U-2 incident
* Military-industrial complex
* NAACP
* Thurgood Marshall
* *Brown v. Board of Ed.*
* Earl Warren
* Southern Manifesto
* Little Rock Nine
* Rosa Parks
* Montgomery bus boycott
* MLK Jr.
* Civil Rights Commission
* SCLC
* SNCC
* Nonviolent protest
* Operation Wetback
* Homogeneity
* Rock & Roll
* Credit cards
* Conglomerates
* Beatniks
* Space Race
* New Frontier
* Warren Commission
* Bay of Pigs
* Berli Wall
* Cuban Missile Crisis
* Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
* Great Society
* War on Poverty
* *The Other America*
* Barry Goldwater
* Medicare
* Medicaid
* Civil Rights Acts 1964 & 1968
* Voting Rights Act 1965
* Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
* George Wallace
* March on Washington
* Malcolm X
* Nation of Islam
* Stokely Carmichael
* Black Panthers
* Watts Riots
* Defacto segregation
* Kerner Commission
* Warren Court
* SSD
* New Left
* Weathermen
* Counterculture
* *The Feminine Mystique*
* NOW
* ERA
* Tonkin Gulf Resolution
* Credibility gap
* Hawks vs. Doves
* Tet Offensive
* Chicago Convention, 1968
* Henry Kissinger
* Vietnamization
* Kent State
* My Lai
* Pentagon Papers
* Detente
* SALT
* New Federalism
* Stagflation
* Southern Strategy
* Title IX
* Burger Court
* *Roe v. Wade*
* Watergate
* War Powers Act
* Camp David Accords
* Iranian hostage crisis
* Malaise Speech
* Cultural pluralism
* Immigration Reform & Control Act
* Cesar Chavez
* Delores Huerta
* AIM
* Indian Self Determination Act
* Gay Liberation Movement
* Asian American Civil Rights
* Earth Day
* EPA

**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** |
| 8.1 Explain the contest for societal change from 1945 to 1980 | Contextualization  |  |
| 8.2 Explain the continuities and changes in Cold War policies from 1945 to 1980 | America in the World  |  |
| 8.3 Explain the causes and effects of the Red Scare after World War II | American & National Identity  |  |
| 8.4a Explain the causes of economic growth in the years after World War II | Work, Exchange, & Tech |  |
| 8.4b Explain the causes and effects of the migration of various groups of Americans after 1945 | Migration & Settlement  |  |
| 8.5 Explain how mass culture has been maintained or challenged over time  | American & Regional Culture |  |
| 8.6 Explain how and why the civil rights movements developed and expanded from 1945 to 1960 | Social Structures  |  |
| 8.7 Explain the various military and diplomatic responses to international developments over time | America in the World  |  |
| 8.8 Explain the causes and effects of the Vietnam War  | America in the World  |  |
| 8.9a Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about the role of the federal government over time | Politics & Power |  |
| 8.9b Explain the continuities and changes in immigration patterns over time  | Migration & Settlement |  |
| 8.10a Explain how and why various groups responded to calls for the expansion of civil rights from 1960 to 1980 | Social Structures  |  |
| 8.10b Explain the various ways in which the federal government responded to the calls for the expansion of civil right  | Politics & Power  |  |
| 8.11 Explain how and why various groups responded to calls for the expansion of civil rights from 1960 to 1980  | Social Structures |  |
| 8.12 Explain how and why opposition to existing policies and values developed and changed over the course of the 20th century  | American and Regional Culture  |  |
| 8.13 Explain how and why policies related to the environment developed and changed from 1968 to 1980 | Geography & the Environment  |  |
| 8.14a Explain the causes and effects of continuing policy debates about the role of the federal government over time  | Politics & Power  |  |
| 8.14b Explain the effects of the growth of religious movements over the course of the 20th century  | American & Regional Culture  |  |
| 8.15 Explain the extent to which the events of the period from 1945 to 1980 reshaped national identity  | CCOT |  |