

Trends in Modern History

UNIT/ Weeks	Timeline/Topics	Essential Questions
3	The Reagan Era 1980-88 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iran Hostage Crisis • Reaganomics • The New Right • Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) • Iran-Contra Affair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What factors helped Ronald Reagan win the presidency in 1980? • What are the economic and social ideologies of the Democrat and Republican parties? • What was President Reagan's economic program and why was it successful? • How did the S&L scandal shake public confidence in the economy? • What were President Reagan's policies on military spending and defense? • How did the Iran-Contra Affair develop?
2	The Collapse of Communism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Impact of the Arms Race • Reagan and Gorbachev • <i>Glasnost</i> and <i>Perestroika</i> • Disintegration of the Soviet Union • Liberation of Eastern Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What developments eased tensions between the U.S. and Soviet Union? • Why did the Soviet Union collapse? • What impact did it have on the world? • How did the collapse of the Soviet Union affect U.S. foreign policy?
4	Terrorism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1972 Munich Olympic massacre • Iranian hostage crisis • Beirut bombing • First World Trade Center bombing • 9-11 • Recent terrorist attacks • Roots of terrorism • Terrorist organizations • Homeland Security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the roots of terrorism? • How has the U.S. responded to international terrorism? • How has increased security impacted civil liberties?
2	Globalization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The United Nations • The Common Market • The European Union • North American Free Trade Agreement • Trans Pacific Partnership • Free trade vs. Protectionism • Third World • New World Order 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do economic systems and trade affect how people live? • How are economic reforms and their political effects related? • What are sources of economic power and how do these different sources affect global interactions? • How do the various levels of technological development affect different cultures?
2	Immigration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History of U.S. Immigration • Countries of Origin • Refugees • Undocumented Immigrants • Sanctuary Cities • Overview of Immigration Policies • Gang of Eight Comprehensive Immigration Reform • Dream Act 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do people immigrate? • From what countries are most immigrants to the U.S. coming? • What is the difference between an immigrant, a migrant and a refugee? • Is immigration a human right?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination 	
2	<p>Environmentalism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Silent Spring</i> • Clean Water Act (1965) • Clean Air Act (1967) • <i>The Population Bomb</i> • Earth Day • Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) • Love Canal • Superfund Act • Nuclear Power • Three Mile Island • Earthfirst! • Greenpeace • Kyoto Protocol • Green Party • Global Warming • Paris Accords 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are human and natural systems interrelated? • How do living things adapt to their environment? • How do levels of technology affect the environment? • What are the negative effects of pollution? • What environmental changes have occurred in the past? • Is economic growth harmful to the environment? • How should the rights of individuals be balanced with the common good? • How can we reduce pollution?
3	<p>Human Rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationalism • Ethnocentrism • Patriotism • Racism • Sexism • Patriarchy • Nuclear Familialism • Religionism • Bio-Determinism • Cis-Genderism • Binary Genderism • Speciesism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the roles and responsibilities of citizens and government in a democratic society? • How do perspectives of freedom and human rights differ among societies? • Why are global human rights issues important? • What role does the world community play in its quest for human rights? • Should U.S. foreign policy focus on promoting democracy and human rights overseas?