

Rockingham County Public Schools
Sixth Grade U S History, 1865 to Present Benchmarks

A Guide for Parent Involvement

1st Nine Weeks

Reconstruction; USII.3

Impact of the Amendments; USII.3a

- 13th Amendment
 - Bans slavery
- 14th Amendment
 - U S citizen by birth
- 15th Amendment
 - Right to vote regardless of race

Impact of Reconstruction policies on the South and North; USII.3b

Legacy of leaders; USII.3c

- Abraham Lincoln
- Robert E. Lee
- Frederick Douglass

Life changes after the Civil War; USII.4

- Westward expansion; USII.4a
 - Impact on American Indians
 - Opportunity for land ownership
 - Transcontinental railroad
 - Discovery of gold and silver
- Challenges brought on by
 - Growth of cities; USII.4b
 - Tenement/ghettos
 - Political corruption
 - Increase in immigration; USII.4b
 - Settlement houses
 - Hull House
 - Political machines
- Racial segregation; USII.4c
 - “Jim Crow” laws
 - African American response
 - Booker T. Washington
 - W. E. B. Du Bois
 - Migration from rural farms
- Impact of new inventions; USII.4d
 - Electricity
 - Telephone
- Rise of big business and industry; USII.4d
 - John D. Rockefeller, oil
 - Andrew Carnegie, steel
 - Henry Ford, automobile
- Progressive Movement; USII.4e
 - Organized labor (AFL)
 - Women’s suffrage
 - 19th Amendment
 - Susan B. Anthony
 - Temperance Movement
 - 18th Amendment

Turmoil and Change 1890s to 1945; USII.5

- Spanish American War; USII.5a
 - Yellow journalism
- Theodore Roosevelt’s impact on U.S. foreign policy
 - U.S. emerges as a world power
 - Reasons for U.S involvement in WWI; USII.5b
 - Inability to remain neutral
 - Allies vs. Central Powers
- U.S international leadership after WWI; USII.5c
 - Woodrow Wilson
 - League of Nations

2nd Nine Weeks

Turmoil and Change 1890s to 1945; USII.5

- Spanish American War; USII.5a
 - Yellow journalism
- U.S. emerges as a world power
- WWI; USII.5b
 - Inability to remain neutral
 - Allies vs. Central Powers
- Woodrow Wilson
 - League of Nations

Social, economic, and technological changes of the early 20th century; USII.6

- Transportation; USII.6a
 - Airplane and automobile (assembly line)
- Communication; USII.6a
 - Telephone, radios, movies
- Electrification; USII.6a
 - Labor-saving products, lighting, entertainment
- Prohibition; USII.6b
 - Speakeasies, bootleggers
- Great Migration North; USII.6b
- Art, literature and music of 1920s and 1930s; USII.6c
 - Harlem Renaissance; USII.6c
- Great Depression; USII.6d
 - Causes
 - Impact on Americans
 - The New Deal

Causes and effects of America’s involvement in WWII; USII.7

- Rise of dictators; USII.6a
 - Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo
- Attack on Pearl Harbor; USII.7a
- Major events/turning points of WWII; USII.7b
 - Germany invades Poland
 - Holocaust
 - Battle of Midway
- Impact of WWII on the home front; USII.7c

3rd Nine Weeks

Social, economic, and technological changes of the early 20th century; USII.6

- Great Depression; USII.6d
 - Causes
 - Impact on Americans
 - The New Deal

Causes and effects of America’s involvement in WWII; USII.7

- Rise of dictators; USII.7a
 - Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo
- Attack on Pearl Harbor; USII.7a
- Major events/turning points of WWII; USII.7b
 - Germany invades Poland
 - Holocaust
 - Battle of Midway
- Impact of WWII on the homefront; USII.7c

Economic, social, and political transformation of the U.S. after WWII; USII.8

- Marshall Plan; USII.8a
- Japan adopts democratic form of government; USII.8a
- U.S. is a super power; USII.8a
- United Nations formed; USII.8a
- Growth of American economy following WWII; USII.8b
- Cold War; USII.8c
 - U.S. vs. Soviet Union
 - American policy of containment
 - NATO vs. Warsaw Pact
- Major conflicts in the post-WWII era; USII.8c
 - Conflict in Korea
 - Cuban Missile Crisis
 - Conflict in Vietnam
 - Collapse of Communism in Europe
 - Berlin Wall comes down
- New challenges; USII.8c
 - Environmental and global issues
- Changing patterns in U.S. society; USII.8d
 - Strong economy
 - Evolving role of women
 - Changing make-up of immigrants after 1965
 - G. I. Bill of Rights
 - Truman desegregates the armed forces

4th Nine Weeks

Key domestic and international issues during 2nd half of the 20th and early 20th centuries; USII.9

- Effects of segregation; USII.9a
- Civil Rights Movement; USII.9a
 - *Plessy vs. Ferguson* and *Brown vs. Board of Education*
 - Martin Luther King, Jr.
 - Rosa Parks
 - Organized protests
 - Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Changing role of women; USII.9a
 - NOW
 - Equal Rights Amendment
- New technologies; USII.9b
 - Communication
 - Air travel
 - Interstate Highway System
 - Entertainment and news media
 - Business
 - Space exploration
 - Computer industry
 - Satellite systems
 - Internet
- Impact of new technologies on American life; USII.9b
 - Increased travel
 - Greater access to news and information
 - Decreased regional variation
- How individual citizens influenced America; USII.9c
 - Scientifically
 - Culturally
 - Academically
 - Economically
- Emerging issues: USII.9d
 - Foreign policy
 - Immigration
 - Global environment



SOL Test Preparation

6th Grade USII, SOL Test

On-going Study Skills; USII.1 will be incorporated into each of the above 9 weeks units

Geography; USII.2 will be incorporated into each of the above 9 weeks units

- Locate 50 states
- Locate significant cities
- State regions

** The numbers throughout the Benchmarks refer to the 2008 Virginia Social Studies Standards of Learning objectives. For example, “USII.3” refers to the US History II, 1865 to Present SOL objective number “3”