

SOCIAL STUDIES**8TH GRADE****SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER**

Standard(s)	Unit/Topic	Essential Skills: What do students absolutely need for the next level?	Resources Used	Assessment
Regional tensions following the Civil War complicated efforts to heal the nation and to redefine the status of African Americans.	RECONSTRUCTION	Students will: 1. compare and contrast the differences between Reconstruction plans. 2. examine the Reconstruction amendments. 3. examine the Freedmen's Bureau. 4. explore methods used by Southern state governments to affect the lives of African Americans. 5. explore the responses of some Southerners to the increased rights of African Americans. 6. examine the effects of the Plessy v. Ferguson ruling.	Classroom notes and discussion, illustrations, political cartoons, graphic organizers, video, charts, diagrams, Google Docs slides, etc.	Daily task assignments, quizzes, unit test.

<p>Beginning in the second half of the 19th century, economic, political, and cultural factors contributed to a push for westward expansion and more aggressive United States foreign policy.</p>	<p>EXPANSION & IMPERIALISM</p>	<p>Students will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. describe the effects of the transcontinental railroad on the movement toward westward expansion. 2. consider examples of Native American resistance to the western encroachment. 3. examine United States and New York State policies toward Native Americans. 4. examine examples of yellow journalism that contributed to United States entry into the Spanish-American War. 5. explain how the events and outcomes of the Spanish-American War contributed to the shift to imperialism in United States foreign policy. 6. will evaluate the United States actions taken under the Roosevelt Corollary and their effects on relationships between the United States and Latin American nations. 	<p>Classroom notes and discussion, illustrations, political cartoons, video (including the 1975 film <i>I Will Fight No More Forever</i>), diagrams, Google Docs slides, etc.</p>	<p>Daily task assignments, quizzes, unit test.</p>
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