

**Social Studies
Grade 7/8 US**

Unit	Big Ideas Understandings	Standards
Colonization	Students will understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural & economic differences • Different perspectives of European & Native American perspectives • Differences leading to conflict and/or compromise • Cultural views leading to impact on the environment 	C3 D1.1-5 D2.Civ.13.6-8 D2.Eco.1-6.6-8-5 D2.Geo.4-5.6-8 D2.His.9-13.6-8 D3.1-4 CCSS RI.10
Government & Constitution	Students will understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution as foundation of the American republic & American principles • Establishment of federal system of government • Influence of leaders that developed the system of government • Importance of 3 branches of government • Civic participation within a democratic society 	C3 D2.Civ.1-12.6-8 D4.6,8 CCSS RI.9
Expansion of America	Students will understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Influences of westward migration • Impact of expansion on people & environment • Innovations sparked expansion • Values of the people who settled the American west 	C3 D1.3 D2.Eco.7,9.6-8 D2.Geo.1-3,6-7,12.6-8 D4.3 CCSS W.7
Civil War	Students will understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic differences led to conflict • Cultural differences led to conflict • Constitutional issues led to conflict • Northern and Southern perspectives • Economic & constitutional efforts to unify the country • Civil Rights Acts 	C3 D2.Civ.14.6-8 D2.Eco.3.6-8 D2.His.1-6,14-17.6-8 D4.6 CCSS W.1,2,4