

DRAFT--LPS Eleventh Grade U.S. History Inquiry Standards--DRAFT

Building Skills and Background: Historical Thinking Skills and the Late 19th Century

LPS Standard 1: How do students apply critical thinking skills to the study of history?

Thread 1.1 – Close Reading – How do we use close reading to understand U.S. history?

Thread 1.2 – Sourcing – How do we use sourcing to understand U.S. history?

Thread 1.3 – Corroboration – How do we use corroboration to understand U.S. history?

Thread 1.4 – Contextualization – How do we use contextualization to understand U.S. history?

Thread 1.5 – Multiple perspectives - How do we use multiple perspectives to understand U.S. history?

The Progressive Response to the Great Transformation

LPS Standard 2: How did Progressive reformers respond to the problems created by industrialization, urbanization and immigration?

Thread 2.1 – Why did Progressive reformers believe that business should be regulated by government?

Thread 2.2 – In what ways were reformers successful in making government more responsive to the will of the people?

Thread 2.3 - Why was the election of 1912 important for the Progressive movement?

Thread 2.4 – What were the ideals and goals of Progressivism?

Thread 2.5 – How did women suffragists and anti-suffragists believe women’s voting would change American politics?

The Emergence of the United States as a Global Power

Standard 3: How did the United States’ role in world affairs change from the 1890s through World War I?

Thread 3.1 – Why did the United States go to war against Spain in 1898?

Thread 3.2 – How and why did the United States seek to assert itself in Asia?

Thread 3.3 – How and why did the United States acquire the Panama Canal?

Thread 3.4 – Why did the United States intervene in World War I?

Thread 3.5 – What was President Wilson’s vision for the Treaty of Versailles?

The Twenties and Cultural Conflict

Standard 4: What made the 1920s an era of widespread cultural conflict?

Thread 4.1 – In what ways did Prohibition reveal divisions in American society?

Thread 4.2 – What impact did the automobile have on the American family, the American economy, and American values during the 1920s?

Thread 4.3 – What common themes exist in Harlem Renaissance artistic expression?

Thread 4.4 – Why did the United States seek to limit immigration during the Twenties?

Thread 4.5 – Why did the Scopes Trial become a national spectacle?

Boom, Bust and the Great Depression

Standard 5: How did the Great Depression affect American society?

Thread 5.1 - How did the economic policies of the Harding and Coolidge administration impact the wealth, savings, and taxes of the American people during the 1920s?

Thread 5.2 – How did the Great Depression affect American Farmers?

Thread 5.3 – How was the Great Depression depicted in American art, literature, and music?

Thread 5.4 – What happened to American families, banks, and businesses as a result of the Great Depression?

Thread 5.5 – Why did the initial responses of the federal government fail to slow the worsening economic crisis that became the Great Depression?

The New Deal and the Search for a Modern Order

Standard 6: How did the New Deal transform the relationship between the federal government and the American people?

Thread 6.1 – What ideas about government shaped what the New Deal became?

Thread 6.2 – How did the legislation created by the New Deal affect American workers and the labor movement?

Thread 6.3 – What was the rationale for the Supreme Court in rejecting early New Deal legislation and how did FDR respond?

Thread 6.4 – How did the New Deal reshape political loyalties among American voters?

Thread 6.5 – What impact did the New Deal have on at least one of the following groups: African Americans, American Indians, Women or Latinos?

The United States and a World at War

Standard 7: How did Americans come to see World War II as the “good war?”

Thread 7.1 – Why did the United States wait so long to enter WWII?

Thread 7.2 – What were the major turning points shaping the outcome World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific theaters?

Thread 7.3 - Why did the United States government intern Japanese Americans during World War II?

Thread 7.4 – How did people of color organize to gain access to wartime jobs and how did they confront discrimination?

Thread 7.5 – What effect did the war have on gender roles and the American family?

Spring Semester – 17 Weeks
America and the Beginning of the Cold War

Standard 8: How was the policy of containment implemented between the beginning of the Cold War and the Cuban Missile Crisis?

Thread 8.1 – How did the Grand Alliance of WWII collapse into the Cold War?

Thread 8.2 – How did the policy of containment emerge and what does it reveal about the goals of American foreign policy?

Thread 8.3 – Was the Korean War a success or failure of American foreign policy?

Thread 8.4 – How did President Eisenhower reshape and expand the policy of containment?

Thread 8.5 – What was the Cuban Missile Crisis and how was it resolved peacefully?

Postwar America and the Appearance of Conformity

Standard 9: Was postwar America characterized by a “culture of conformity?”

Thread 9.1 – How did family and gender roles change for the growing postwar middle class?

Thread 9.2 – How did the 1950s red scare (i.e. McCarthyism) promote conformity and silence dissent.

Thread 9.3 – How did mass media and popular culture shape notions about middle class life?

Thread 9.4 – How were African American and other minority groups often denied access to the expanding middle class?

Thread 9.5 – How did dissenters critique describe postwar American society?

Wait No More: The Civil Rights Movement

Standard 10: How did the Civil Rights Movement change America?

Thread 10.1 – What role did World War II play in the emergence of the Civil Rights Movement?

Thread 10.2 – What role did the *Brown* decision play in making African American rights a national issue?

Thread 10.3 – Did the federal government lead or follow the Civil Rights Movement?

Thread 10.4 – Was the Civil Rights Movement driven by leaders or grass roots action?

Thread 10.5 – What aspects of racial inequality did the Civil Rights movement fail to change?

The Realities of Containment: The Vietnam War

Standard 11: Why did the Vietnam War become a tragedy for both the American and Vietnamese People?

Thread 11.1 – How did American involvement in Vietnam reflect the larger aims of U.S. foreign policy?

Thread 11.2 – Why did five American presidents continue to escalate American involvement in Vietnam?

Thread 11.3 – How did American soldiers experience the Vietnam War?

Thread 11.4 – Why did the Vietnam War become highly controversial at home?

Thread 11.5 – What lessons did protestors draw from the Vietnam War?

The Rebirth of Conservatism

Standard 12: How did the conservative counter-revolution change the United States?

Thread 12.1 – What were the major concerns of the conservative movement in the 1960s?

Thread 12.2 – Why did conservative ideas gain popularity in the late 1960s and early 1970s?

Thread 12.3 – How did the struggles of the 1970s undermine American’s faith in government?

Thread 12.4 – Did the “Reagan Revolution” represent the successful implementation of conservative ideas about government?

Thread 12.5 – What role did the United States play in the collapse of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War?

Turbulence in a New Age

Standard 13: What major historical trends define our own era?

Thread 13.1 – How did the response to the September 11, 2001 attacks lead to changes in American foreign policy?

Thread 13.2 – Do we live in an era of political gridlock?

Thread 13.3 – Did the election of an African American president represent a turning point for American racial equality?

Thread 13.4 – How has the rise of the Internet and Web 2.0 changed everyday life in the United States?