

WDS

7th / 8th Grade History Curriculum

Early American Civilizations

- I. Political and Industrial Revolutions
 - a. The French Revolution
 - 1. Rise and Fall of Napoleon
 - b. Nationalism and Nation-States
 - 1. Unification of Germany and Italy
 - 2. The Monarchies
 - c. The Industrial Revolution
 - d. Society and Industry

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II. Imperialism and WWI

a. Imperialism

1. Colonialism in Africa

b. Nationalism in China, Japan

1. China (Chinese and Modern Asian Geography)

2. Japan

3. Russo-Japanese War

c. WWI

1. Realpolitik

2. Strong nations vs weak

3. Alliances and Causes

4. Advantages and Disadvantages of the Powers

5. Battles

6. Trenches

7. Technology

8. The Role of Propaganda

9. The Home Front

10. Aftermath and the Treaty of Versailles

d. The Russian Revolution

1. Leaders

2. Causes

3. Aftermath

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- III. WWII and the Cold War
 - a. The Rise of Dictators
 - 1. Hitler's rise to power
 - 2. Mussolini
 - 3. Stalin
 - 4. Franco
 - b. WWII begins.
 - 1. Causes
 - 2. The Powers and Alliances
 - 3. Battles
 - 4. Total War
 - 5. Technology
 - 6. The Home Front
 - 7. The Holocaust
- c. Allies Win the War
 - 1. War in the Pacific and the Atomic Bomb
 - 2. Aftermath and The Nuremburg Trials
- d. Modern European Geography

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e. The Cold War

1. Death of Stalin and Rise of Khrushchev
2. The Korean War
3. The Marshal Plan
4. Berlin Blockade
5. The Arms Race
6. Bay of Pigs and Cuban Missile Crisis
7. Suez Crisis
8. Sino-Soviet Relations
9. Berlin Wall
10. NATO and Warsaw Pact
11. Space Race
12. Brezhnev
13. SALT I II
14. Uprisings in Czechoslovakia and Hungary

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- f. The End of an Empire
 - 1. India (geography and brief history)
 - 2. Gandhi and independence
 - 3. Southeast Asia
 - 4. The Vietnam War
- g. Africa and Colonialism
 - 1. African Geography
 - 2. African Independence movements
 - 3. Apartheid and Nelson Mandela
 - 4. Challenges in Africa

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XI. The Great Depression

- a. Stock exchange collapse, unemployment, inflation, public works
- b. The New Deal, FDR, WPA, FDIC, The One Hundred Days
- c. The Dust Bowl
- d. Rise of Fascism

XII. Rise of Dictators

- a. Mussolini and Italian Fascism
- b. Hitler's Germany
- c. Stalin's USSR
- d. Imperial Japan

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- IV. Challenges in Latin America
 - a. Modern Latin American Geography
 - b. Economic woes
 - c. Cuba
 - d. Mexico
 - e. South America
 - f. Middle East Geography
 - g. Africa and the Middle East
 - h. Arab Israeli Conflict
 - i. The End of The Cold War
 - 1. Collapse of the USSR
 - 2. Gorbachev and Reagan
 - 3. Afghanistan4. New Countries
 - j. Yugoslavia
 - k. Modern Middle Eastern Geography
 - l. 911 and Global Terrorism