

A Brief Guide to the Thematic Learning Objectives

Identity

- ID-1 Competing Conceptions of National Identity, late colonial-antebellum
 ID-2 Impact of **Manifest Destiny, territorial expansion, Civil War and industrialization on beliefs about progress and national destiny**, 19th century
 ID-3 Influence of U.S. involvement in **Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Great Depression and Cold War** on public debates about national identity, 20th century
 ID-4 How Conceptions of **Group Identity emerged out of cultural interactions** between colonizing groups, Africans and American Indians, colonial era
 ID-5 Role of economic, social, political and ethnic factors in **formation of regional identities**, colonial period through 19th century
 ID-6 How **migration** has influenced the growth of **racial and ethnic identities** and conflicts over **ethnic assimilation and distinctiveness**, periods 3-9
 ID-7 How **changes in class identity and gender roles** have related to economic, social and cultural transformations, since the late 19th century
 ID-8 How **civil rights activism** in the 20th century affected the **growth of identity-based political and social movements**

Work, Exchange and Technology

- WXT-1 How **patterns of exchanging commodities, peoples, diseases and ideas** developed around the Atlantic World and shaped North American colonial societies, periods 2-3
 WXT-2 How **innovations in markets, transportation and technology** affected the economy and different regions, 1607-1865
 WXT-3 How **changes in transportation, technology and integration of U.S. economy into world markets** have influenced U.S. Society since 1865
 WXT-4 Development of **labor systems such as slavery, indentured servitude and free labor** to the end of the 18th century
 WXT-5 **Development, persistence and change in labor systems** since 1800 and how Civil War and **industrialization shaped U.S. society and workers' lives**
 WXT-6 How **arguments about market Capitalism, the growth of corporate power and government policies** influenced economic policies, periods 3-7
 WXT-7 Compare **beliefs and strategies of movements advocating changes to the U.S. economic system, particularly organized labor, Populist and Progressive Movements**
 WXT-8 How and why the **role of government in regulating economic life and the environment** has changed since the end of the 19th century

Peopling

- PEO-1 **How and why people moved** within the Americas and to and within the Americas, periods 1-2
 PEO-2 How changes in the **numbers and sources of international migrants altered social and ethnic makeup** of U.S. in 19th and 20th centuries
 PEO-3 Causes and effects of **internal migration (urbanization, suburbanization, westward movement, Great Migration)** in 19th and 20th centuries
 PEO-4 **Effects of migration, diseases and warfare on American Indian population**, pds 1-6
 PEO-5 How **free and forced migration caused regional development, cultural diversity and blending and political and social conflict**, periods 1-6
 PEO-6 Role of internal and international migration on **changes to urban life, cultural developments, labor issues and reform movements**, mid-19th through mid-20th century
 PEO-7 How and why **debates over immigration** have changed since turn of 20th century

Politics and Power

- POL-1 Factors behind **competition, cooperation and conflict among different societies and social groups** during colonial period
 POL-2 How and why **major party systems and political alignments** have arisen and changed, early Republic through end of 20th century

POL-3 How **activist groups and reform movements (antebellum reformers, civil rights activists, social conservatives)** have caused changes to state institutions and society, pds 4-9

POL-4 How and why **the New Deal, the Great Society and the modern conservative movement** sought to change the role of the federal government, periods 7-9

POL-5 How **arguments about meaning and interpretation of the Constitution** have affected U.S. politics since 1787

POL-6 How **debates over political values (democracy, freedom, citizenship) and extension of American ideals abroad** contributed to ideological clashes and military conflict, 19th-early 20th century

POL-7 How **debates over civil rights and civil liberties** have influenced political life since the early 20th century

America in the World

WOR-1 How **imperial competition and exchange of commodities** influenced patterns of development of North American societies in the colonial period

WOR-2 How **exchange of ideas** among different parts of Atlantic World **shaped belief systems and independence movements** into early 19th century

WOR-3 How **growing interconnection of U.S. with worldwide economic, labor and migration systems** affected U.S. society since late 19th century

WOR-4 How **U.S. involvement in global conflicts** in 20th century set stage for domestic social changes

WOR-5 **Motives behind and results of economic, military and diplomatic initiatives for U.S. expansion** in Western Hemisphere between independence and the Civil War

WOR-6 Major aspects of **domestic debates over U.S. expansionism**, 19th and early 20th century

WOR-7 **Goals of U.S. policymakers** in major international conflicts (**Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II, Cold Wars**) and how U.S. involvement altered role in world affairs

WOR-8 How **U.S. military and economic involvement in developing world** and issues such as **terrorism and economic globalization** have changed U.S. foreign policy goals since mid-20th century

Environment and Geography—Physical and Human

ENV-1 How the **introduction of new plants, animals and technologies** altered the natural environment and affected the interaction among various groups in the colonial period

ENV-2 How the **natural environment** contributed to regional group identities, institutions and conflicts, pre-contact through independence

ENV-3 **Role of environmental factors in regional economic and political identities** in the 19th century and how they affected conflicts such as the Revolution and the Civil War

ENV-4 How the **search for economic resources** affected social and political developments from the colonial period through Reconstruction

ENV-5 How and why **debates about the use of natural resources and the environment** have changed since the late 19th century

Ideas, Beliefs and Culture

CUL-1 **Compare the cultural values** of different European, African American and native peoples and **explain intergroup relationships and conflict** in the colonial period

CUL-2 How emerging conceptions of **national identity and democratic ideals** shaped value systems, gender roles and cultural movements in the late 18th and 19th centuries

CUL-3 How **cultural values and artistic expression** changed in response to Civil War and postwar industrialization

CUL-4 How **changing religious ideals, Enlightenment beliefs and republican thought** shaped politics, culture and society, colonial era through early Republic

CUL-5 Ways that **philosophical, moral and scientific ideas** were used to defend and challenge the dominant economic and social order in 19th and 20th centuries

CUL-6 **Role of culture and the arts** in 19th and 20th century movements for social and political change

CUL-7 How and why **“modern” cultural values and popular culture** have grown since the early 20th century and affected American politics and society