U.S. II Essential Questions

Other

1. What is an effective way to take notes?

World War I Essential Questions

1. What are the traits of nationalism?
2. What were the main causes of World War I?
3. How did World War I begin?
4. What led America into World War I?
5. What role did technology play in World War I?
6. How did America pay for World War I?
7. What was life like in America during World War I?
8. What were the results/outcomes of World War I?

1920’s Essential Questions

1. How did women obtain suffrage?
2. What type of post war intolerance did America experience following World War I?
3. How was morality challenged in the 1920’s?
4. What does it mean to buy on credit?
5. How did the readily availability of consumer goods impact America in the 1920’s?
6. What struggles did farmers face in the 1920’s?
7. How does the culture of the 1920’s and the Harlem Renaissance impact us today?

The Great Depression Essential Questions

1. Why did America select Hoover in 1928?
2. What are the parts of the business cycle?
3. What is the role of banks in the economy?
4. What were the causes of the Great Depression?
5. What steps did Herbert Hoover’s administration take towards getting America out of the Great Depression?
6. How did the U.S. respond to demands made by veterans during the Great Depression?
7. What were the key components to the election of 1932?
8. How did the quality of life change for families during the Great Depression?
9. How did the Dust Bowl impact the lives of Americans?
10. How did Franklin Roosevelt attempt to provide relief for Americans?
11. What is the legacy of the New Deal?
World War Two Essential Questions

1. What were the main causes of World War II?
2. What are the characteristics of a government ran in the form of Totalitarianism?
3. What were the similarities & differences of the leaders of the Pact of Steel?
4. What was the Holocaust?
5. Why did the Japanese Attack Pearl Harbor?
6. How did the United States Respond to the Attack on Pearl Harbor?
7. Was the United States right in the Internment of Japanese – Americans?
8. What steps did the United States take to turn itself into an Industrial Power?
9. What were the messages of U.S. propaganda during WWII?
10. Why did the Allies win World War II?
11. How did the United States defeat Japan in World War II?

Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy Cold War Essential Questions

1. What is the difference between Communism and Capitalism?
2. What were the legal and philosophical differences between the Soviet Union and the United States?
3. What were the origins of the Cold War?
4. What was the Iron Curtain?
5. How did the United States under President Truman plan to stop Communism?
6. What was the Truman Doctrine?
7. What was the Marshall Plan?
8. What is NATO and the Warsaw Pact?
9. How was Communism challenged in Korea?
10. What was the Red Scare?
11. How did the American government attempt to rid itself and organizations of Communism?
12. What events took place that encouraged Americans to lose faith in Truman’s Cold War policies?
13. How did President Eisenhower attempt to fight Communism?
14. How did Eisenhower slash military spending?
15. What role did the Central Intelligence Agency play in the fight against Communism under Eisenhower?
16. How did the U2 Spy Plane event negatively impact Soviet/American relations?
17. Why did President Kennedy challenge America to land a man on the moon?
18. What was the Bay of Pigs invasion?
19. What was the Cuban Missile Crisis?
20. What were the Warren Commission’s findings, and why are they controversial?
Vietnam Essential Questions

1. Was it possible for the United States to have definitively won the Vietnam War?
2. What experiences did American soldiers undergo in Vietnam?
3. How did the American public feel about the war in Vietnam, and how did these feelings change over time?
4. What different perspectives did young people take regarding the Vietnam War at the time?
   What might have been some of the reasons for these opinions?
5. In what ways was the Vietnam War a defining event for an entire generation of Americans?