

# Social Studies Curriculum – High School

## **US History B** (1900 – Current)

### **Mission Statement:**

The Social Studies Department at Alton High School is a professional learning community of teachers/scholars united by a common goal to enhance the knowledge of and understanding of the American past. They work to communicate that knowledge to the students as well as create an appreciation of the American past and a critical understanding of how lives, institutions, and events played an integral part in the creation of America.

### **Essential Question:**

How does the evolution of the American Experience facilitate the continued growth and development of the democratic process?

***These essential skills prompts will be utilized to determine student mastery through use of conventional questions and advanced essay questions utilizing who, what, when where, and why.***

### **The following items are used as essential skills prompts:**

1. America is enriched by its diversity and its national identity.
2. People dreamt of immigrating to American and that dream continues today.
3. Every citizen has certain rights and liberties among them are the right to participate in government and to exercise such liberties as freedom of speech and worship.
4. The United States is a political and social experiment and over time evolution has added to the democratic process.

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## Chapter 18 America Claims an Empire

Vocabulary: pg. 574

- Imperialism
- Yellow journalism
- USS Maine
- Protectorate
- Open Door Policy
- Boxer Rebellion
- Panama Canal
- Roosevelt Corollary

Essential Skills:

TT67 Distinguishing Fact from Opinion + essay:

***In what era did the annexation of Hawaii take place, and how did it reflect the defining characteristics of that era?***

TT70 Drawing Inferences

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## Chapter 19 The First World War

Vocabulary: pg. 612

- Nationalism
- Trench warfare
- Zimmerman Note
- Selective Service Act
- Armistice
- Espionage and Sedition Acts
- Great Migration
- Fourteen Points
- Treaty of Versailles

Essential Skills:

TT71 Making Predictions

TT74 Historical Map + essay:

***Why did the United States not join the League of Nations?***

***Why did certain U.S. senators feel that the League conflicted with the U.S. Constitution?***

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## Chapter 21 The Roaring Life of the 1920s

Vocabulary: pg. 666

- bootlegger
- fundamentalism
- flapper
- double standard
- Harlem Renaissance

Essential Skills:

TT79 Interpreting Visuals + essay:

***What caused women's roles to change between 1920 and 1930?***

***What were the effects of these changes on American society?***

TT81 Extended Response

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## Chapter 22 The Great Depression Begins

Vocabulary: pg. 691

- credit
- speculation
- buying on margin
- Black Tuesday
- Dow Jones Industrial Average
- Great Depression
- Dust Bowl
- direct relief
- Bonus Army

Essential Skills:

TT 82 Line Graph

TT 84 Political Cartoon + essay:

***How did American Farmers react to the Great Depression?***

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## Chapter 23 The New Deal

Vocabulary: pg. 728

- New Deal
- Works Progress Administration
- Social Security Act
- Congress of Industrial Organizations
- Tennessee Valley Authority

Essential Skills:

TT 85 Identifying Bias + essay:

***What bias does the writer express regarding Roosevelt's powers? How can you recognize it?***

TT88 Main Ideas and Details

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## Chapter 24 World War Looms

Vocabulary: pg. 765

- fascism
- Nazism
- appeasement
- Holocaust
- genocide
- Axis Powers
- Allies

Essential Skills:

TT 91 Political Map

TT 92 Making Judgments + essay:

***What was the Holocaust, and how was it related to the major issues of World War II?***

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## Chapter 25 The United States in World War II

Vocabulary: pg. 804

- Manhattan Project
- rationing
- D-Day
- V-E Day
- Hiroshima
- GI Bill of Rights
- Congress of Racial Equality

Essential Skills:

TT 94 Table and Graph

TT 95 Physical Map + essay:

***How did the invasion of Normandy fit into the Allies' overall military strategy?***



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## Chapter 26 Cold War Conflicts

Vocabulary: pg. 836

- containment
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Korean War
- McCarthyism
- brinkmanship
- Central Intelligence Agency
- U-2 Incident

Essential Skills:

TT 99 Two-to-Three-Paragraph Quotation

TT 100 Distinguishing Fact from Opinion + essay:

***Describe the relationship between Chamber of Commerce pamphlet and McCarthyism.***

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## Chapter 27 The Post-War Boom

### Vocabulary:

- suburb
- Dixiecrat
- Fair Deal
- conglomerate
- baby boom
- mass media
- beat movement
- rock n' roll
- urban renewal
- bracero

### Essential Skills:

TT102 Two Graphs

TT 104 Political Cartoon + essay:

***How has television changed the standard of living in the United States?***

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## Chapter 28 The New Frontier and the Great Society

### Vocabulary:

- Berlin Wall
- hot line
- New Frontier
- Peace Corps
- Warren Commission
- Great Society
- Medicare and Medicaid
- Warren Court

### Essential Skills:

TT 107 Making Generalizations + essay:

***What were some of the technological innovations that were achieved by the American space program of the 1960s, and what were some of the changes produced by these innovations?***

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## Chapter 29 Civil Rights

### Vocabulary:

- *Brown v. Board of Education*
- Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee
- freedom rider
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- de facto segregation
- Black Power

### Essential Skills:

TT 109 Horizontal Time Line + essay:

***What was *Brown v. Board of Education*, and what was its impact on American society?***

TT 110 Primary Source Telegram

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## Chapter 30 The Vietnam War Years

### Vocabulary:

- Vietcong
- napalm
- Tet offensive
- Vietnamization
- Pentagon Papers

### Essential Skills:

TT 114 Pie Graph

TT 116 Two-to-Three Paragraph Quotation + essay:

***How were the American concerns about Vietnam reflected in works of art, music, and literature of the time?***

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## Chapter 31 An Era of Social Change

### Vocabulary:

- American Indian Movement
- feminism
- Equal Rights Amendment
- counterculture
- Woodstock

### Essential Skills:

TT 118 Graph Population Pyramid

TT 119 Constructed Response + essay:

***How was the 26<sup>th</sup> Amendment (1971), which gave 18-year-olds the right to vote, connected to the antiwar and counterculture movements?***

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## Chapter 32 An Age of Limits

### Vocabulary:

- stagflation
- OPEC
- SALT I Treaty
- Watergate
- Saturday Night Massacre
- Camp David Accords
- Environmental Protection Agency

### Essential Skills:

TT 120 Time Line

TT 121 Political Cartoon + essay:

***What role did the rights of free speech and freedom of the press play in the Watergate scandal?***

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## Chapter 33 The Conservative Tide

### Vocabulary:

- entitlement program
- affirmative action
- Moral Majority
- supply-side economics
- AIDS
- Contras
- Operation Desert Storm

### Essential Skills:

TT124 Constructed Response + essay:

***Why might historians of the future value artifacts such as this button?***

TT 126 Map Cartogram