

HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE

World History I:

- Understand the dynamic interactions among regions of the world
- Understand development and diffusion of religious and systems of belief, c. 500 BCE-1200 CE
- Understand philosophy, the arts, science, and technology, c.1200-1700 CE
- Understand global exploration, conquest, colonization, 1492– c. 1800 CE
- Understand Philosophies of government c. 1500 -1800 CE

World History II:

- Understand absolute power, political revolutions, and the growth of nation-states, c. 1750-1900
- Understand the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions and their consequences c. 1750-1900
- Understand the global effects of 19th century imperialism
- Understand the Great Wars 1914-1945
- Understand the Cold War Era 1991– present
- Understand the politics of difference: conflicts, genocide, and terrorism

U.S. History I:

- Understand The Political and Intellectual Origins of the American Nation: the revolution and the Constitution, 1763-1789
- Understand the Political Democratization, Westward Expansion, and Diplomatic Developments, 1790-1860
- Understand the Economic Growth in the North and South, 1800-1860
- Understand the Social, Political, and Religious Change, 1800-1860
- Understand the Civil War and Reconstruction, 1860-1877

- Understand progressivism and World War I
- Understand the role of Industry & Immigration

U.S. History II:

- Understand the Industrial America and Its Emerging Role in International Affairs, 1870-1920
- Understand The Age of Reform: Progressivism and the New Deal, 1900-1940
- Understand the World War II, 1939-1945
- Understand the Cold War Abroad, 19-45-1989
- Understand the Cold War America at Home: Economic Growth and Optimism, Anticommunism, and Reform, 1945-1980
- Understand the Contemporary America, 1980-2001

Economics:

- Understand the Scarcity and Economic Reasoning
- Understand Supply and Demand
- Understand Market Structures
- Understand the Role of Government
- Understand National Economic Performance
- Understand Money and the Role of Financial Institutions
- Understand the concept of Trade
- Understand the role of economics in Modern United States History
- Understand modernity in the United States— ideologies and economics

American Government:

- Understand the Nature of Citizenship, Politics, and Government
- Understand the Foundations of Government in the United States
- Understand the Purposes, Principles, and Institutions of Government in the United States of America
- Learn about the Relationship of the United States to Other Nations in World Affairs

- Understand the roles of Citizens in the United States
- Understand Geography: Its Nature and perspectives
- Understand Population and Migration
- Understand the cultural patterns and processes
- Understand the political organization of space
- Understand the agriculture, food production and rural land use
- Understand the industrialization and economic development
- Study cities and urban land use
- Understand scale
- Understand landscape
- Understand spatial patterns
- Understand diffusion
- Understand culture
- Understand connections and Linkages

Personal Financial Literacy:

- Understand earning and spending income
- Understand saving money
- Understand using credit and making investments
- Understand protecting and insuring assets

News/Media Literacy:

- Understand freedom of the press and news/media literacy
- Understand history of journalism
- Understand the challenges of new/media literacy in contemporary society
- Understand analyzing the news and other media
- Understand gathering and reporting information, using digital media

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**CURRICULUM GUIDE
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GRADES 9-12**

The purpose of this guide is to identify the major topics, concepts, and skills that are considered essential for this grade level as identified by the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.

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