

US History after 1878 History Day Topics List

| Social Studies Content Standards | History Day Example Topics |
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| <p>1. Analyze the transformation of the United States through its civil rights struggles, immigrant experiences, and settlement of the American West in the Post-Reconstruction Era, 1865 to the 1920s.</p> <p>2. Analyze the social, economic and political changes that occurred during the American Industrial Revolution, the Gilded Age, and significant reform movements from the 1870s to the 1920s.</p> <p>3. Analyze the expanding role of the United States in international affairs as America was transformed into a world power in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, 1890 to 1920.</p> <p>4. Analyze the cycles of boom and bust of the 1920s and 1930s on the transformation of American government, the economy and society.</p> <p>5. Analyze the United States role in international affairs by examining the major causes, events and effects of the nation's involvement in World War II, 1933 to 1946.</p> <p>6. Analyze foreign events and policies during the Cold War, 1945–1975.</p> <p>7. Analyze the cause and effects of significant domestic events and policies from 1945 to 1975.</p> <p>8. Analyze the impact of foreign and domestic policies from 1977 to 2001.</p> <p>9. Examine contemporary challenges and successes in meeting the needs of the American citizen and society, 2002 to the present.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Removal and Western Expansion • Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher: Oklahoma Precedent and the <i>Brown</i> Decision • The Great White Fleet: How Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Theodore Roosevelt, Started the Spanish-American War • Code Talkers: American Indians, the 45th Infantry Division, and World War I • Encounter with Barbarity: The 45th Infantry Division Liberates Dachau • Jim Crow Laws in the post-Civil War Southern United States • Internment of Japanese Americans during World War II • Iran-Contra Affair: Senior Administration Officials in the US Government Sell Arms to Iran to Fund Contras in Nicaragua • American Opposition to Involvement in the Vietnam War • The Young Lords: Opposing Racism in New York • Bay of Pigs Invasion: How America Strengthened Fidel Castro's Position of Power • FDR and the Alphabet Soup: Leading the Fight Against the Depression • Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev: Leading the World Out of the Cold War • A. Philip Randolph: Leading the Way to Integrate America's World War II Labor Force • The Truman Doctrine: Setting American Foreign Policy in the Cold War • Theodore Roosevelt: Leading the Charge for the Panama Canal • The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and the Civil Rights Movement |