## US History After 1878 History Day Topics List

### Triumph & Tragedy in History

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| 1. The student will analyze the transformation of the United States through its Civil Rights struggles, immigrant experiences, settlement of the American West, and the industrialization of American society in the Post-Reconstruction through the Progressive Eras, 1865 to 1900. | - Indian Removal and Western Expansion  
- Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher: Oklahoma Precedent and the *Brown* 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 U.S. 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 |
| 2. The student will 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 from 1890 to 1920. | - |
| 3. The student will 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. | - |
| 4. The student will analyze foreign and domestic policies during the Cold War, 1945 to 1975. | - |
| 5. The student will analyze the foreign and domestic policies of the contemporary era, 1977 to the present. | - |
| 6. The student will examine contemporary challenges and successes in meeting the needs of the American citizen and society, 2002 to the present. | - |