

VGLA COE Organizer

U.S. History to 1877

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USI.4 The student will demonstrate knowledge of European exploration in North America and West Africa by	
a)	describing the motivations, obstacles, and accomplishments of the
	Spanish,
	French,
	Portuguese, and
	English explorations;
b)	describing cultural interactions between Europeans and American Indians (First Americans) that led to
	cooperation and
	conflict.

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USI.5 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the factors that shaped colonial America by	
a)	describing the
	religious
	events that led to the colonization of America and
	conditions that led to the colonization of America;
	economic
	events that led to the colonization of America and
	conditions that led to the colonization of America;
c)	describing colonial life in America from the perspectives of
	large landowners,
	farmers,
	artisans,
	women,
	indentured servants, and
	slaves;
d)	identifying the
	political relationships between the colonies and England and
	economic relationships between the colonies and England.

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USI.6 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes and results of the American Revolution by	
a)	identifying the issues of dissatisfaction that led to the American Revolution;
c)	describing key events and the roles of key individuals in the American Revolution, with emphasis on
	George Washington,
	Benjamin Franklin,
	Thomas Jefferson,
	Patrick Henry, and
	Thomas Paine;
d)	explaining reasons why the colonies were able to defeat Britain.

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USI.7 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the challenges faced by the new nation by		
d)		describing the major accomplishments of the first five presidents of the United States.

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USI.8 The student will demonstrate knowledge of westward expansion and reform in America from 1801 to 1861 by	
a)	describing territorial expansion and how it affected the political map of the United States, with emphasis on the
	Louisiana Purchase,
	Lewis and Clark expedition, and
	acquisitions of
	Florida,
	Texas,
	Oregon, and California;
d)	identifying the main ideas of the
	abolitionist movement and
	suffrage movement.

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USI.9 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes, major events, and effects of the Civil War by	
a)	describing the
	cultural issues that divided the nation,
	economic issues that divided the nation, and
	constitutional issues that divided the nation;
b)	explaining how the issues of
	states' rights sectional tensions and slavery increased sectional tensions;
d)	describing the roles of the following people in events leading to and during the war:
	Abraham Lincoln,
	Jefferson Davis,
	Ulysses S. Grant,
	Robert E. Lee,
	Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, and Frederick Douglass;
f)	describing the effects of war from the perspectives of
	Union and Confederate soldiers (including black soldiers),
	women, and
	slaves.

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USI.10 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of Reconstruction on American life by		
b)		describing the impact of Reconstruction policies on the South.

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USI.2 The student will use maps, globes, photographs, pictures, and tables to	
a)	locate the seven continents;
b)	locate and describe the location of the geographic regions of North America:
	Coastal Plain,
	Appalachian Mountains,
	Canadian Shield,
	Interior Lowlands,
	Great Plains,
	Rocky Mountains,
	Basin and Range, and Coastal Range;
c)	locate and identify the water features important to the early history of the United States:
	Great Lakes,
	Mississippi River,
	Missouri River,
	Ohio River,
	Columbia River,
	Colorado River,
	Rio Grande,
	Atlantic Ocean,
	Pacific Ocean, and Gulf of Mexico.

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USI.3 The student will demonstrate knowledge of how early cultures developed in North America by	
a)	locating where the American Indians (First Americans) settled, with emphasis on
	Arctic (Inuit),
	Northwest (Kwakiutl),
	Plains (Sioux),
	Southwest (Pueblo), and Eastern Woodland (Iroquois);
b)	describing how the American Indians (First Americans) used their environment to obtain
	food,
	clothing, and shelter.

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US1.5 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the factors that shaped colonial America by	
b)	comparing and contrasting life in the
	New England,
	Mid-Atlantic, and
	Southern colonies, with emphasis on how people interacted with their environment.

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USI.9 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes, major events, and effects of the Civil War by	
c)	identifying on a map the states that
	seceded from the Union and
	those that remained in the Union;
e)	using maps to explain critical developments in the war, including major battles.

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USI.4 The student will demonstrate knowledge of European exploration in North America and West Africa by		
c)		identifying the location of West African societies
		Ghana,
		Mali,
		Songhai and
		describing the characteristics of West African societies
		Ghana,
		Mali,
		Songhai and
		describing their interactions with traders.

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USI.6 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the causes and results of the American Revolution by	
b)	identifying how political ideas
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	led to the Declaration of Independence, with emphasis on the ideas of John Locke.

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USI.7 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the challenges faced by the new nation by		
a)		identifying the weaknesses of the government established by the Articles of Confederation;
b)		identifying the basic principles of the new government established by the
		Constitution of the United States and
		Bill of Rights;
c)		identifying the conflicts that resulted in the emergence of two political parties.

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USI.8 The student will demonstrate knowledge of westward expansion and reform in America from 1801 to 1861 by		
b)		identifying the geographic and economic factors that influenced the westward movement of settlers;
c)		describing the impact of inventions, including the
		cotton gin on life in America,
		reaper on life in America,
		steamboat on life in America, and
		steam locomotive on life in America.

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USI.10 The student will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of Reconstruction on American life by	
a)	identifying the provisions of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and their impact on the expansion of freedom in America.