8.1. U.S. History through 1877
A) Identify the major eras in U.S. history through 1877
B) Apply absolute and relative chronology through sequencing of events
C) Explain the significance of 1607, 1776, 1803, 1861-1865

8.2. Exploration and Colonization
A) Identify reasons for European exploration and colonization
B) Compare political, economic, and social reasons for the 13 colonies

8.3. Representative Government
A) Explain the reasons for the growth of representative government
B) Know how events affected the growth of representative government
C) Describe how religion affected the growth of representative government

8.4. Revolutionary Era
A) Analyze the many causes of the American Revolution
B) Explain the roles played by significant individuals during the Revolution
C) Explain the issues surrounding important events of the Revolution
D) Analyze the issues of the Philadelphia Convention of 1787

8.5. Early Years of the Republic
A) Describe domestic problems faced by the leaders of the new Republic
B) Summarize arguments regarding protective tariffs, taxation, and banking
C) Explain the origin and development of American political parties
D) Explain the causes of and issues surrounding the War of 1812
E) Trace the foreign policies of Presidents Washington through Monroe
F) Explain the impact of the election of Andrew Jackson
G) Analyze federal and state Indian policies especially toward the Cherokee

8.6. Westward Expansion
A) Explain how the Northwest Ordinance gave order to westward expansion
B) Explain the political, economic, and social roots of Manifest Destiny
C) Analyze the relationship between Manifest Destiny and westward growth
D) Explain the major issues and events of the Mexican War
E) Identify areas that were acquired to form the United States

8.7. Events Leading to Civil War
A) Analyze impacts of tariff policies on regions of the US before the Civil War
B) Compare political, economic, and social effects on slaves and free blacks
C) Analyze the impact of slavery on different sections of the United States
D) Compare consequences of congressional conflicts and compromises

8.8. Civil War
A) Explain the roles played by significant individuals during the Civil War
B) Explain the issues surrounding significant events of the Civil War
C) Analyze Lincoln’s ideas about liberty, equality, union, and government

8.9. Reconstruction
A) Evaluate legislative reform programs of the Reconstruction Congress
B) Describe the economic difficulties faced by the US during Reconstruction
C) Explain the social problems faced by the South during Reconstruction

8.10. Geographic Tools
A) Create visual media representing various aspects of the US
B) Pose and answer questions about geographic distributions and patterns

8.11. Places/Regions of US
A) Locate important places in the US

8.12. Environment of 18th and 19th Centuries
A) Analyze how environment affected population/settlement/economics
B) Describe the consequences of human modification of the environment
C) Describe how immigrant groups interacted with the environment

8.13. Economic Activity
A) Identify economic differences among different regions of the US
B) Explain reasons for the development of the plantation system and slaves
C) Analyze the causes and effects of economic differences in the US

A) Analyze the War of 1812 as a cause of economic changes
B) Identify the economic factors causing industrialization and urbanization

8.15. Free Enterprise System
A) Explain why a free enterprise system developed in the new nation
B) Describe characteristics and benefits of the US free enterprise system

8.16. Beliefs/Principles of US Constitution
A) Identify influential ideas from historic documents on US government
B) Summarize strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation
C) Identify problems listed in the Declaration addressed in the Constitution
D) Analyze how the Constitution reflects many different principles

8.17. Amendments
A) Summarize the purposes for and processes of changing the Constitution

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B) Describe the impact of 19th century amendments on US life
C) Identify the origin of and responses to judicial review

8.18. National/State Governments
A) Analyze the arguments of the Federalists and Anti-Federalists
B) Describe historical conflicts arising over the issue of states’ rights

8.19. Supreme Court Cases
A) Summarize the issues/decisions/significance of Supreme Court cases
B) Evaluate the impact of landmark Supreme Court decisions

8.20. Rights/Responsibilities of US Citizens
A) Define and give examples of unalienable rights
B) Summarize rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights
C) Evaluate the importance of personal responsibilities
D) Identify examples of responsible citizenship
E) Summarize the criteria and explain the process for becoming a citizen
F) Explain how citizens’ rights and responsibilities reflect a national identity

8.21. Democratic Process
A) Explain the role of significant individuals in developing self-government
B) Evaluate the contributions of Founding Fathers as models of civic virtue
C) Identify reasons for civil disobedience in US history

8.22. Points of View in a Democratic Society
A) Identify different points of view of political parties and interest groups
B) Describe the importance of free speech and press in a democracy
C) Summarize a compromise that resulted in a peaceful resolution

8.23. Leadership
A) Analyze the leadership qualities of elected and appointed US leaders
B) Describe the contributions of political, social, and military leaders of US

8.24. 17th/18th/19th Century Cultures
A) Identify why certain racial, ethnic, and religious groups settled in the US
B) Explain the relationship between urbanization and ideological conflicts
C) Identify how conflicts between various groups were resolved
D) Analyze the contributions of people of various groups to national identity
E) Identify the political, social, and economic contributions of women

8.25. Major Reform Movements of 19th Century
A) Describe the historical development of the abolitionist movement
B) Evaluate the impact of reform movements

8.26. Religion
A) Trace the development of religious freedom in the US
B) Describe religious influences on immigration and social movements
C) Analyze the impact of religious freedom on the American way of life

8.27. Arts
A) Describe developments in cultural activities in the history of the US
B) Analyze the relationship between fine arts and the American life
C) Identify examples of American fine arts that convey universal themes

8.28. Science/Technology/Economic Development
A) Explain the effects of technological and scientific innovations
B) Analyze the impact of transportation systems on growth in the US
C) Analyze how technological innovations changed the handling of goods
D) Explain how technological innovations led to rapid industrialization

8.29. Impact of Science/Technology on Society
A) Compare the effects of discoveries and innovations on daily life
B) Describe how scientific ideas influenced technological developments
C) Identify examples of how industrialization changed life in the US

8.30. Critical Thinking Skills
A) Use primary and secondary sources to acquire information about the US
B) Analyze information through various means
C) Interpret information from outlines, reports, databases, and visuals
D) Identify points of view from the historical context surrounding an event
E) Support a point of view on a social studies issue or event
F) Identify bias in written, oral, and visual material
G) Evaluate a source based on language, corroboration, and information
H) Use appropriate math skills to interpret social studies information

8.31. Communication Skills
A) Use social studies terminology correctly
B) Use standard grammar, spelling, sentence structure, and punctuation
C) Transfer information from one medium to another
D) Create written, oral, and visual presentations of social studies ideas

8.32. Problem Solving Skills
A) Use a problem-solving process to make good decisions
B) Use a decision-making process to make good decisions