

CARTERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

GRADE 7

Revised 2008

FIRST QUARTER

- Identify changes in American society caused by the Great Awakening.
- Summarize Enlightenment ideas and how they affected the colonies.
- Describe the growth of English rights between 1215 and the late 1600s.
- Identify issues which created conflicts between England and the colonies over colonists' rights.
- Describe events which led to the beginning and spread of the French and Indian War and describe changing attitudes of the colonial Americans and Native Americans following the war.
- Identify the reasons why the American colonies and Britain began to grow apart.
- Describe the ways that the colonies defied the rules of Parliament and protested British rule.
- Identify the ways that Britain tightened its control over the colonies.
- Explain why the revolution began.
- Describe how the conflict began to spread after the siege of Boston and explain why the rebellion became a revolution.
- Describe how the war divided Americans.
- Summarize the problems each side faced while preparing for war.
- Analyze the effects of the Battle of Saratoga.
- Summarize the effects of the winter at Valley Forge on the American army.
- Explain how and why the fighting spread to the frontier.
- Describe how the war ended and analyze reasons why the Americans won the war.
- Summarize the costs of the war.
- Explain the terms of the Treaty of Paris.
- Identify the ideals on which a new nation was created following the Revolution.
- Explain why the states joined together to form a new government.
- Describe the strengths and weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.
- Evaluate the challenges delegates faced at the Constitutional Convention.
- Summarize the battle for ratification of the Constitution.

SECOND QUARTER

- Describe the decisions made by Washington and Congress that established precedents for later years.
- Summarize Hamilton's plan to address the nation's economic and financial issues.
- Identify the challenges posed by competing claims in the Northwest Territory and by the Whiskey Rebellion and how they were resolved.
- List reasons why the new nation remained neutral in European conflicts and how that position affected foreign relations.
- Describe Washington's fears of political parties and the reasons parties grew.
- Summarize national and international issues dividing Americans during Adams's presidency and the conflict over states' rights.
- Summarize Jefferson's view of government and democracy.
- Analyze the impact of *Marbury v. Madison* (1803).
- Identify the boundaries of the Louisiana Purchase and explain how it changed the U.S.
- Describe the events that led to the War of 1812 and the legacy of the war.
- Identify factors that led to the Industrial Revolution and how new inventions changed transportation, communication, and agriculture.
- Explain the effect of the cotton gin on slavery in the south and describe the daily life and culture of African Americans in the South in the mid 1800s.
- Identify factors that promoted nation unity in the early 1800s and the events that increased sectionalism.
- Explain political divisions that appeared around the 1824 presidential election.
- Summarize how democracy changed during Jackson's presidency.
- Identify economic issues that increased tension within the states and describe the issue of states' rights from two opposing points of view.
- Explain why Jackson wanted the Native Americans to move West and summarize the effects of the Indian Removal Act on Native Americans.
- Explain the formation of the Whig Party in the United States.

THIRD QUARTER

- Summarize the Preamble and its stated goals.
- Contrast the powers, terms, and numbers of the House and Senate, describe the specific powers granted to Congress and how a bill becomes a law.
- Describe the election, powers, qualifications, and duties of the president.
- Describe the judicial branch of government and the federal court system.
- Summarize the system of checks and balances.
- Describe the relations among states, including national, state, and shared powers.
- Describe the process for amending the Constitution, summarize the Bill of Rights, their importance in the U.S. government, and identify the issues that Amendments 11-27 address.
- Identify the reasons why the early pioneers moved west.
- Identify the changes in Spanish Texas that led up to the Texas Revolution.
- Summarize American support for manifest destiny.
- Describe the war with Mexico and explain the impact of victory over Mexico.
- Describe how the discovery of gold changed California and explain the final impact of the California Gold Rush.
- Identify various immigrant groups in the mid-1800s, explain why these people chose to come to America and the challenges they faced in America.
- Identify reform movements that attempted to improve society in America and explain the efforts of the labor movement to improve working conditions.
- Summarize the social and cultural changes that transformed America in the mid-1800s.
- Compare and contrast the economic paths of the North and the South.
- Summarize the effects of territorial expansion on the debate over slavery.
- Analyze how the Compromise of 1850 fueled the Union's crisis and explain how political tensions resulted in violence.
- Explain how the issue of slavery led to political divisions.
- Identify the events that brought the nation to the breaking point.
- Explain how the 1860 election revealed the division in the country.
- Describe the reasons for, and responses to, the secession of seven Southern states.

FOURTH QUARTER

- Analyze the events that led up to the first shots at Fort Sumter.
- Explain what strategy each side used to prepare for battle.
- Summarize the significance of the Battle of Bull Run for both sides.
- Explain why so many civilians volunteered to fight.
- Summarize ways the Civil War was considered a new kind of war.
- Describe Union victories in the West.
- Summarize Southern success in the East.
- Analyze how the Emancipation Proclamation affected the war effort.
- Identify contributions African-Americans soldiers made to the Union cause.
- Describe the disagreements that emerged inside the Union and the Confederacy.
- Identify economic and social changes caused by the Civil War.
- Explain the significance of the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg.
- Analyze why the Confederacy fell.
- Describe the losses and costs of the war.
- Analyze how the war transformed the nation.
- Identify the goals of presidential Reconstruction and summarize its success and failures.
- Describe how Reconstruction affected national politics and governments in the South.
- Describe the new systems of land ownership work contracts, and sharecropping.
- Summarize ways the Ku Klux Klan resisted Reconstruction.
- Identify reasons why Reconstruction weakened and explain the events that led to the end of Reconstruction.