Quarter	Content	Skills	Assessments	Eligible content
1	 Manifest Destiny a. The Oregon Country b. Independence for Texas c. War with Mexico d. California and Utah North and South a. The North's economy and people b. Southern cotton kingdom and the South's people Age of reform a. Social reform b. Abolitionism c. Women's movement 	 understand how Manifest Destiny influenced western settlement. Explain why Texans fought for their independence from Mexico. Understand how Mexican lands in the West became part of the United States. Identify factors that affected the settlement of California and Utah in the West. Explain/identify what innovations in industry, travel, and communications changed the lives of Americans in the 1800's. Discuss the impact of immigration on cities, industry, and culture in the North. Explain how the South's industry and economy differed from the North's industry and economy deenents of culture developed among enslaved African Americans in the South. Describe how religion influenced the social reforms in the United States during the early and mid-1800's. Explain how abolitionists influenced the antislavery movement. Explain the effects of the women's rights movement of the middle to late 1800's. 	Quizzes, Tests(Subjectiv e/Objective), Observation, Projects, Summative/For mative Questioning, Cooperative Learning, Oral Assessment,	8.3.8.A; 8.3.8.B; 8.3.8.C; 8.3.8.D; 6.1.8.A; 6.1.8.B; 6.1.8.C; 6.1.8.D RH.6-8.1; RH.6-8.3; RH.6-8.4; RH.6-8.7; RH.6-8.10
2	 Toward Civil War Slavery and the West A nation dividing Challenges to slavery Secession and war U.S. Civil War The two sides Early stages of the war Life during the war and the strain of war Final stages of the war 	 Evaluate the effectiveness of compromises that Congress made to address slavery and sectionalism. Explain how popular sovereignty led to violence in Kansas. Discuss the significance of the Dred Scott decision. Explain the theory of states' rights and discuss its role in the outbreak of the Civil War. Identify the strengths and weaknesses of the North and the South. Explain why neither the North nor the South had a distinct advantage in the early stages of the war. Discuss the social, 	Quizzes, Tests(Subjective), Observation, Projects, Summative/Formative Questioning, Cooperative Learning, Oral Assessment,	8.3.8.A; 8.3.8.B; 8.3.8.C; 8.3.8.D; 6.1.8.A; 6.1.8.B; 6.1.8.C; 6.1.8.D RH.6-8.1; RH.6-8.3; RH.6-8.4; RH.6- 8.7; RH.6-8.10

		political, and economic changes that occurred as a result of the war. Understand how the battles of Vicksburg and Gettysburg changed the course of the war. Describe the events that led to the end of the Civil War.		
a. Cive b. When c. The Toda 2. Foun a. When gove b. The gove c. A ne 3. Right a. The b. Gua c. Citi	he people vics in our lives ho are U.S. citizens e American people ay idations of government hy Americans have ernments e first American ernment ew constitution ts and Responsibilities e Bill of Rights aranteeing other rights izens' duties and consibilities	 Identify what a citizen is and what the basic American values are. Explain what the qualities of a good citizen are. Discuss what a who is a U.S. citizen and how someone can become a citizen of America. Describe who the current majority U.S. citizen is based on demographics. Identify the different types of governments, focusing on the specifics of an indirect democracy. Explain the Articles of the Confederation and its weaknesses. Analyze the importance of the U.S. Constitution and what it guarantees the American people. Identify the history of the Bill of Rights and discuss each of the 10 in detail. Describe the rest of the Amendments which preserve certain rights. Evaluate the duties and responsibilities of American citizens. 	Quizzes, Tests(Subjective), Objective), Observation, Projects, Summative/For mative Questioning, Cooperative Learning, Oral Assessment,	C.1.1.1.1-4; C.1.1.2.1-3; C.1.1.3.1-3 RH.6-8.1; RH.6-8.3; RH.6-8.4; RH.6- 8.7; RH.6-8.10

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	6	a. The Senate and House of		including the Senate and the House	Tests(Subjective),	RH.6-8.1; RH.6-8.3; RH.6-8.4; RH.6- 8.7; RH.6-8.10		
		Representatives		of Representatives. Discusses the	Observation,	6.7, NH.0-6.10		
	b. Hc	b. How Congress is organized		roles and powers of the Legislative	Projects,			
			c. Powers of Congress		Branch. Identifies how a Bill	Summative/For		
			d. How a bill becomes a law		becomes a law.	mative		
		The Executive Branch	2.	Identify the President, Vice-	Questioning, Cooperative Learning, Oral			
		a. Roles and powers of the		President, and the rules of				
			President		succession. Describes the powers	Assessment,		
			b. Executive departments		and roles of the President. Explains			
	4		and the Cabinet		the role of the Presidential cabinet			
4		c. Independent agencies and		and some specific departments.				
		regulatory commissions		Explains what independent agencies				
		3.	The Judicial Branch		and regulatory commissions are.			
			a. Equal justice under the	3.	Compares and contrasts criminal			
		law		and civil law, as well as several				
		b. The Federal Court system		sources of law. Describe the federal				
			c. The Supreme Court		court system, including the			
					appellate courts. Evaluate the role			
					of the U.S. Supreme Court, and how			
					the other branches can check its			
					power.			