

Merrimack School District
Essential Learning Competencies

School	MHS
Discipline	SS
Course Title	U.S. History- Comprehensive

Quarter 1

Essential Learning Competencies	Links to the Rubrics/Standards/Competency	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
✓ American Imperialism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How did Manifest Destiny impact the move towards Imperialism? ✓ Was the United States ever an empire? ✓ How did the antiimperialists impact American foreign policy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Close Reading: Turner Thesis vs. Mahan's Theory on Sea Power ✓ SHEG: Annexation of Hawaii; ✓ Close reading: <i>White Man's Burden</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Imperialism Territory Project ✓ Unit Test
✓ Spanish-American War	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How was the Spanish-American War both a continuation of decades-old American foreign policy and an announcement of new American foreign policy? ✓ How did the American military handle the Philippine insurrection? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Cartoon analysis: Yellow Journalism ✓ Philippine Insurrection Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Spanish-American War Newspaper Activity ✓ Unit Test
✓ World War I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Why did the United States maintain neutrality at the start of WW I? ✓ What were the MAIN causes of World War I? ✓ How did WW I impact Constitutional Rights? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Close Reading: Wilson Campaign of 1916 ✓ Lusitania and the Zimmerman Telegram; reasons for war ✓ Case Analysis: <i>Schenk v. United States</i> ✓ SHEG: Palmer Raids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ World War I Propaganda Poster ✓ Unit Test
✓ Progressive Era	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How did the Progressive Era alter individual rights and government power under the Constitution? ✓ How did Labor Movements impact American Industry? ✓ How did muckrakers highlight the struggles of immigrants and poor citizens? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Triangle Fire Analysis ✓ Close Reading: Alice Paul and the Suffragettes ✓ Jacob Riis and "how the other half lives" analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Progressive Era DBQ ✓ Progressive Reform Project ✓ Unit Test

✓ Roaring 20s & Harlem Renaissance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How did society shift its views on gender in this time? ✓ Why did mass amounts of African Americans leave the south and head to northern cities, and how did this lead to an explosion of music, literature, and art? ✓ How did American consumerism influence the economy of the nation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ SHEG: Great Migration analysis ✓ 1920's advertisement analysis ✓ Close Reading: Flappers as trend setters or heretics? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Harlem Renaissance Playbill Project ✓ Unit Test
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Quarter 2

Essential Learning Competencies	Links to the Rubrics/Standards/Competency	Formative Assessments	Summative Assessments
✓ Great Depression			
✓ The New Deal			
✓ American Neutrality			
✓ World War II Abroad			
✓ World War II at Home			