**RHHS – US HISTORY 2 – CURRICULUM MAP**

Course: H6 Unit 4

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| Period of Study: WINNING WWII & THE COLD WAR | |
| **Common Core STANDARDS/SKILLS:** | **Social Studies Standards** |
| CCRS 2  CCRS 3  CCRS 6  CCRS 7  CCRS 8  CCWS 1  CCWS 9 | 1.2  1.3  1.4  2.2  3.2  4.1  5.1  5.2 |
| **REGENTS THEMES:**  **Civic Values**  **Constitutional Principles**  **Interdependence**  **Foreign Policy**  **Human Systems** | **ESSENTIAL Questions:**  **How should the people of a country contribute to a war effort?**  **Is the use of weapons of mass destruction ever justified?**  **How does war impact a country?**  **Are limitations on civil liberties ever justified?** |
| **Focus Questions/ Topic Questions**  **1. *Focus:* How did the U.S. fight the war on the homefront?**  *Topics:* mobilization & the draft; relocation of Japanese-Americans; women workers; government  economic controls  **2. *Focus:* Was the use of the atomic bomb necessary?**  *Topics:* brief comparison of tactics used to win in Europe vs. different problems encountered in the  Pacific theatre; arguments for and against the use of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki  **3. *Focus:* How well did the Allies secure the peace?**  *Topics:* Teheran Conference (1943); Yalta Conference (1944); Potsdam Conference (1945);  establishment of U.N. (1945); post-war occupation of Japan and Germany; war-crimes trials  **4. *Focus:* How did World War II transform life in America?**  *Topics:* GI Bill; National Security Act (1947); economic prosperity & labor unrest; Taft-Hartley Act  (1947); end of segregation in the federal government by executive order; election of 1948; Fair Deal  **5. *Focus:* Who was responsible for the Cold War?**  *Topics:* Iron Curtain; Truman Doctrine; Marshall Plan; Berlin blockade; NATO; Warsaw Pact  **6. *Focus:* Did America overreact to the communist threat in the 1950’s?**  *Topics:* Second Red Scare: Loyalty Review Board; McCarran Internal Security Act; trials of Alger Hiss  & Julius & Ethel Rosenberg; McCarthyism  **7. *Focus:* Was U.S. involvement in Korea a mistake?**  *Topics:* Communist victory in China; N. Korean invasion; U.N. vote; U.S.-led “police action”; removal  of MacArthur; armistice | |
| **INSTRUCTIONAL Objectives/SWBAT:** | |
| * Explain the various steps the U.S. took to prepare to fight WWII * Analyze the impact that U.S. involvement in WWII on the Great Depression * Compare and assess the various arguments regarding the decision of the U.S. to drop the atomic bomb * Evaluate the impact of WWII on American society * Analyze the impact of WWII on the relationship between the U.S. and the USSR * Assess the impact of the Cold War relationship between the U.S. and the USSR on their interactions with countries around the world * Evaluate U.S. foreign policy during the Cold War * Explain causes and motivations of the Second Red Scare and McCarthyism in the 1950s * Evaluate the impact of McCarthyism on different areas of American life | |
| **VOCABULARY Tier II and Tier III:** | |
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| **ASSESSMENT / EVIDENCE/ ACTIVITIES** | |
| Regents Multiple Choice/DBQ  Essay Questions  Student mock trial activity: retry *Korematsu v. U.S.* (1944)  Student activity: debate over the dropping of the atomic bomb  Reenactment of the Yalta Conference  Reenactment of Algier Hiss or Julius & Ethel Rosenberg  Trial of Senator Joseph McCarthy | |
| **RESOURCES/TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION:** | |
| *Castle Learning*  *Exam Wizard*  *Resource:* “Relocation of Japanese-Americans” (*Amsco Reader*, Unit 7, Chap. 2)  *Resource:* “The End of the War” (*Amsco Reader*, Unit 7, Chap. 3)  *Resource:* “UN: Good U.S. Investment” by Eleanor Roosevelt (*Amsco Reader*, Unit 7, Chap. 5)  *Resource:* “A Call for Containment of the Soviet Union” by George Kennan (*Amsco Reader*, Unit 7,  Chap. 4)  *Resource:* “The Korean War” (*Amsco Reader*, Unit 7, Chap. 6) | |