

**BROCKTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL  
SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

**Grade 11: United States History II**

United States History II, the required course for all juniors, examines the history of the United States from 1877 to the present, including the many outstanding achievements and challenges of the nation.

In addition to the content presented in the course, emphasis will be placed on students' skill development in the literacy areas of reading, writing, speaking and reasoning. The requirements of the course have been written to reflect high expectations of student achievement in reading, writing, speaking, and reasoning.

The student's proficiency will be assessed through a variety of assessment tools which may include: quizzes; notes from readings/discussions/research; multiple choice tests; open response writing; graded discussions; oral and/or visual presentations, both individual and group; primary source analysis; debates; cooperative learning; writing and editing of essays; critiques of historical media; creative writing including poems, song lyrics, newspapers, children's books, and political cartoons; general research; journal writing; daily homework; interviews and/or surveys; departmental final exam.

**Participation in National History Day is encouraged for all students in grades 9-12. Information is distributed in October or is available in the Red Social Science office.**

**CORE KNOWLEDGE:**

**REVIEW OF KEY EVENTS FROM 1820-1877**

- Causes of the Civil War
- Aims and obstacles of Reconstruction

**MODERN AMERICA EMERGES**

- Inventions and industrial development; the closing of the frontier
- Immigration; demographic shifts; the Great Migration
- Labor movement: aims, strikes, and obstacles
- Populism; the agrarian movement
- Progressive Era; U.S. as a world power; Teddy Roosevelt; Woodrow Wilson

**WORLD WARS**

- WWI: Causes and consequences
- 1920s: jazz; Harlem Renaissance; economy; business
- Great Depression
- FDR and the New Deal
- WWII: Causes and consequences

**POSTWAR DEVELOPMENTS**

- Redrawing the world map
- Cold War: communism; foreign policy; wars in Korea and Vietnam
- Civil Rights: Brown v. Board of Education; Rosa Parks; Little Rock; Martin Luther King Jr., violence of the era
- American prosperity; technological changes; the space race
- Societal changes: women's rights; ecology; AIDS; drugs
- End of the Cold War
- 1980s and 90s: politics and social change; the US in the global economy

**Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework Learning Standards addressed:**

- The Civil War and Reconstruction
- Industrial America and Its Emerging Role in International Affairs, 1870-1920
- The Age of Reform: Progressivism and the New Deal, 1900-1940
- World War II, 1939-1945
- The Cold War Abroad, 1945-1989
- Cold War America at Home: Economic Growth and Optimism, Anticommunism, and Reform, 1945-1980
- Contemporary America, 1980-2001

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