

Promotion Benchmarks: Grade 7 United States History: 1877 to the Present

No.	Student Performance	POS/SOL
1	Use map reading skills to describe the impact of geography on the history of the United States.	USII.2
2	Identify how life changed after the Civil War (post Reconstruction) for African Americans including racial segregation and the rise of “Jim Crow”.	USII.3c
3	Identify the reasons for and the impact on westward expansion including the transcontinental railroad, discovery of gold and silver, Homestead Act, cattle drives, technological advances and adaptations, and reservations.	USII.3a,b
4	Describe the reasons for the rise of big business (railroad, oil, steel) and its impact on American life including corporations and inventions.	USII.3b,d
5	Describe the causes of increased immigration and its impact on the United States in the late 1800s including conditions in cities and the challenges of urbanization.	USII.3b
6	Identify how the reforms of the Progressive Movement impacts life in the United States to include the rise of organized labor, child labor, changes in the workplace, women’s suffrage, temperance movements and the efforts of Booker T. Washington and W.E.B. DuBois.	USII.3c,e
7	Explain the causes of the Spanish-American War and how the results led to the emergence of the United States as a world power.	USII.4a
8	Analyze the reasons for the United States’ involvement in World War I, including the inability to remain neutral due to economic and political ties to Great Britain and German submarine warfare. Analyze the role of the United States as the war ended.	USII.4b
9	Describe the impact of significant social, economic and technological changes in transportation, communication, and electrification on American life in the 1920s, including Prohibition and the Great Migration.	USII.5a,b
10	Describe the impact of the cultural climate in the 1920s including significant people in art, literature, and music and the Harlem Renaissance.	USII.5c
11	Identify the causes and impact of the Great Depression on Americans and the major features of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal.	USII.5d
12	Identify the causes and events that led to American involvement in World War II including the economic crises, the rise of dictatorships, and the attack on Pearl Harbor.	USII.6a
13	Describe the major events and turning points of World War II in Europe and the Pacific.	USII.6b
14	Described the impact of World War II on people’s lives including the Holocaust, Americans at home, and the atomic bomb.	USII.6b,c
15	Analyze the aftermath of World War II, including the establishment of the United Nations and the rebuilding of Japan and Europe.	USII.7a
16	Define the term, Cold War. Sequence and explain how events affected the spread and containment of communism, including the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cuban Missile Crisis, the fall of the Berlin Wall, and the break-up of the Soviet Union.	USII.7c
17	Describe the changing patterns of society including expanding educational and economic opportunities for veterans, women, and minorities as the economy shifts from wartime to peacetime with an increased emphasis on consumerism.	USII.7b,d 8b
18	Describe major events of the Civil Rights Movement including the actions of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr.; changes in government policy towards minorities; and its impact.	USII.8a