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Standard 6.4 (United States and New Jersey History) All students will demonstrate knowledge of the United States and New Jersey history in order to understand life and events in the past and how they relate to the present and the future.

Standard 6.5 (Economics) all students will acquire an understanding of key economic principles.

Standard 6.6 (Geography) all students will apply knowledge of spatial relationships and other geographic skills to understand human behavior in relation to the physical and cultural environment.

III. Course Outline - All Levels of Instruction

Suggested Text: **America's Armed Forces: A History**, Morris, James M., Prentice Hall, Upper Saddle River, NJ, 2nd Edition.

American Conflict One - Marking Period One

The American Revolution: a look at the causes, leaders, philosophies, battles, weapons, and politics of this critical event in World History as well as an in-depth look into the French and Indian Wars and the struggle for world power between the major world powers: Britain, France, and Spain.

The Barbary Wars: The U.S. struggles to make its way in the world as a new democracy.
The War of 1812: An in-depth look at the nation's second war with Great Britain.

Marking Period Two

Establishment of the United States Military Academy at West Point
The War of Texas Independence
Manifest Destiny.

Marking Period Three

Causes of the Civil War: politics, leaders, weapons, battles, technology, and the concept of the first "modern war."

The Indian Wars: 1863-1890 a look into the various battles and cultures clashes between the white man and the Native Americans- from Red Cloud to Sitting Bull.

Marking Period Four

US imperialism, the War with Spain, War in the Philippines, the foreign policy of the TR administration and the role of America as a world power.

World War I: a look at the leaders, political clashes, weapons, battles, innovations, neutrality, and decline of the European monarchies. The connection between the “world to end all wars” and conflicts to the present time.

American Conflict Two - Marking Period One

The Causes of the Second World War

Europe: The rise of Hitler, Stalin, the Spanish War

The Pacific: Japan and the rise of the militarists, Asian resentment of foreign power, the Chinese Civil War.

World War II (European Theater): Blitzkrieg, the Fall of France, the Battle of Britain, Operation Barbarossa, North Africa, Italy, Normandy, the Liberation of France, the Battle of the Bulge, The Rhine, the Soviet Response, the meeting of the Elbe.

World War II (Pacific Theater): Early Japanese victories, Pearl Harbor, Midway, Solomons, the Gilberts, the Marshalls, The Marianas, the Philippines, the significant role of the aircraft carrier.

Post War/ Cold War/ Winning the Peace: the Marshall Plan, the Iron Curtain, Nuclear Proliferation, China, Korea, Greek Civil War, Turkey, the Truman Doctrine, the rise of the US Air Force.

Marking Period Two

The War in Korea: lessons learned and technologies advanced

World instability and America’s role in the postwar era: the establishment of Israel, The Suez Crisis, The Rise of Arab Nationalism, Nasser, US Marines in Lebanon
NATO vs. the Warsaw Pact, the Division of Germany, West Berlin, “Checkpoint Charlie”

The Eisenhower Administration and the Dulles Brothers, US involvement in Central and Latin America

Castro, Cuba, The Bay of Pig, Cuban Missile Crisis, US Marines in the Dominican Republic

Marking Period Three

Vietnam: Advisors to Combat and Vietnamization, the USS Pueblo, The USS Mayaguez
The Iran Hostage Crisis, Carter Administration to the Reagan Administration, Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism, Lebanon, Grenada
Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan, US funding for the Mujahadien, Iraqi intelligence against

Marking Period Four

Iran during the Iran-Iraq War 1980-1988.
Central America: El Salvador, Nicaragua and the Sandinistas
US invasion of Panama, Noriega
Operation Desert Storm
911: the War on Terrorism
Afghanistan: the war against Bin Laden and Al Qaeda
The Liberation of Iraq 2003
North Korea, Iran and Libya
Homeland Security

IV. Course Evaluation

Class Participation and Class work	30 %
Tests and Quizzes	30%
Homework	10%
Projects/Reports	30%

It is the policy of the Social Studies Department that all assignments are to be presented in a timely manner. All assignments that are turned in after their due date will be considered "late." Assignments that are one day late will result in a permanent loss of credit.

V. Approved Film List

American Conflict I

The Crossing
Glory (R)
Gettysburg
Buffalo Soldiers
The Lost Battalion
Dances With Wolves
Rough Riders

American Conflict II

Saving Private Ryan (R)
We Were Soldiers (R)
Platoon (R)
Blackhawk Down (R)
Flags of Our Fathers
Band of Brothers
Hanoi Hilton
Hamburger Hill
Patton
MacArthur
Pork Chop Hill