Unit	Content	Skills	Assessment	Standards
Social Studies Skills	 Location of major US and Illinois physical and political items Using a map (compass, inset map, distance, scale, directions, measurement) Political Cartoon, Video and Short Reading analysis 	Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Asking questions Observing	Map Skills Packet 50 States Pretest 50 States Posttest Google Forms Skills	SS.G.1.6-8.LC. Use geographic representations (maps, photographs, satellite images, etc.) to explain relationships between the locations (places and regions) and changes in their environment. SS.G.1.6-8.MdC. Use mapping and graphing to represent and analyze spatial patterns of different environmental and cultural characteristics.
Being a Historian and Early American History	 Primary and Secondary Sources Perspectives of History Native American Tribe Research Columbus: Hero or villain? 	Research Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension	Columbus Debate Young People's History Comprehension questions	SS.G.2.6-8.MC. Evaluate how cultural and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people in both nearby and distant places. SS.EC.1.6-8.LC. Explain how economic decisions affect the well-being of individuals, businesses and society. SS.H.2.6-8.LC. Explain how and why perspectives of people have changed over time. SS.H.3.6-8.LC. Classify the kinds of historical sources used in a secondary interpretation. SS.H.3.6-8.MdC. Detect possible limitations in the historical record based on evidence collected from different kinds of historical sources. SS.H.4.6-8.MC. Organize applicable evidence into a coherent argument about the past.
13 Colonies	 Jamestown and the Powhatan Tribe 13 Colonies Map New England Colonies 	Research Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals	Mary Dyer Debate Partner readings Reflection writing Stations Activities	SS.H.1.6-8.MdC. Analyze connections among events and developments in broader historical contexts.

	 Salem Witch Trials Middle Colonies Southern Colonies Slavery and the Middle Passage Triangular Trade 	Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension Map identification Note taking	Post Unit Quiz	SS.G.4.6-8.MdC. Explain how global changes in population distribution patterns affect changes in land use. SS.G.3.6-8.MdC. Explain how changes in transportation and communication influence the spatial connections among human settlements and affect the spread of ideas and culture. SS.G.1.6-8.LC. Use geographic representations (maps, photographs, satellite images, etc.) to explain relationships between the locations (places and regions) and changes in their environment.
Colonial Culture and Government	 The Enlightenment Great Awakening Mercantilism Revolutionary Political Cartoons The Albany Conference French and Indian War 	Research Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension Note taking	Web-quest Mercantilism Activity Reflections Class Discussion	SS.CV.4.6-8.MdC. Analyze ideas and principles contained in the founding documents of the United States and other countries, and explain how they influence the social and political system. SS.CV.4.6-8.LC: Explain the connection between interests and perspectives, civic virtues, and democratic principles when addressing issues in government and society.
Independence, Protests, and Revolution	 Stamp Act Protests of Colonists Tyranny Independence Timeline Leaders of the Revolution Worldwide revolutions 	Research Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension Note taking	Group and class debates Judging Protests chart Comprehension questions Timeline Post Unit Quiz	SS.CV.4.6-8.MdC. Analyze ideas and principles contained in the founding documents of the United States and other countries, and explain how they influence the social and political system. SS.CV.4.6-8.LC: Explain the connection between interests and perspectives, civic virtues, and democratic principles when addressing issues in government and society. SS.CV.6.6-8.LC. Determine whether specific rules and laws (both actual and proposed) resolve the problems they were meant to address.
US and Illinois Constitution	 What led to the Constitution Parts of Constitution Preamble 3 Branches of Government 	Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Reading comprehension Note taking Study and Reviewing Debating	US Constitution Test Illinois Constitution Test Mock Congress Supreme Court Analysis Study Guide Review Sessions	SS.CV.4.6-8.MdC. Analyze ideas and principles contained in the founding documents of the United States and other countries, and explain how they influence the social and political system. SS.CV.4.6-8.LC: Explain the connection between interests and perspectives, civic virtues, and

Post Revolution	 (Legislative, Executive, Judicial) Amendments Supreme Court Cases 2 Party System Presidencies of Washington, Adams, and Jefferson Hamilton v. Jefferson ideologies Louisiana Purchase 	Research Debating Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension Map identification Note taking	Test Study Guide Class debate Post Unit Quiz	democratic principles when addressing issues in government and society. SS.CV.3.6-8.LC, MdC, MC. Compare the means by which individuals and groups change societies, promote the common good, and protect rights. SS.CV.2.6-8.MdC. Explain the origins, functions, and structure of government with reference to the U.S. Constitution, Illinois Constitution, and other systems of government. SS.CV.1.6-8.MdC. Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives SS.CV.6.6-8.LC. Determine whether specific rules and laws (both actual and proposed) resolve the problems they were meant to address. SS.CV.1.6-8.MdC. Describe the roles of political, civil, and economic organizations in shaping people's lives. SS.CV.2.6-8LC. Describe the origins, purposes, and impact of constitutions, laws, treaties, and international agreements.
Westward Expansion	 Lewis and Clark War of 1812 "Nacirema" Society Manifest Destiny Mexican American War Historiography 	Research Class discussion Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension Map identification Note taking Historical Perspectives	Louisiana Purchase Research Postcard Young People's History Reading Comprehension	SS.H.2.6-8.MC. Analyze how people's perspectives influenced what information is available in the historical sources they created. SS.H.3.6-8.MdC. Detect possible limitations in the historical record based on evidence collected from different kinds of historical sources. SS.H.3.6-8.MC. Use other historical sources to infer a plausible maker, date, place of origin, and intended audience for historical sources where this information is not easily identified. SS.H.4.6-8.LC. Explain multiple causes and effects of historical events.
Abe Lincoln and the Legacy of Slavery	Abe Lincoln: Saint or Sinner?	Vocabulary Relating text and visuals	Lincoln Debate Stations	SS.H.4.6-8.MdC. Compare the central historical arguments in secondary works across multiple media.

	 Lincoln Primary Source Analysis Olaudah Equiano Reading History and Conditions of Slavery 	Summarizing Predicting Asking questions Reading comprehension Note taking Historical Perspectives	Reading Comprehension Questions Springfield Field-trip	SS.H.4.6-8.MC. Organize applicable evidence into a coherent argument about the past SS.H.1.6-8.MC. Use questions generated about individuals and groups to analyze why they, and the developments they shaped, are seen as historically significant.
The Civil War	 Civil War Timeline America Story of Us Military Tactics Treatment of Slaves Life as a Soldier 	Research Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Document Analysis Reading comprehension	Civil War Research Paper Video Guide Primary Source Research	SS.CV.1.6-8.MC. Evaluate the powers and responsibilities of citizens, political parties, interest groups, and the media. SS.G.2.6-8.MC. Evaluate how cultural and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people in both nearby and distant places. SS.H.2.6-8.MC. Analyze how people's perspectives influenced what information is available in the historical sources they created. SS.H.4.6-8.MC. Organize applicable evidence into a coherent argument about the past.
Reconstruction	 Ending of the Civil War Student Reconstruction Plan Reconstruction Jigsaw Jim Crow Laws 	Research Compare and contrast Vocabulary Relating text and visuals Summarizing Asking questions Reading comprehension Note taking	Study Guide Test Jigsaw Research Post Unit Quiz	SS.H.2.6-8.MC. Analyze how people's perspectives influenced what information is available in the historical sources they created SS.H.3.6-8.MC. Use other historical sources to infer a plausible maker, date, place of origin, and intended audience for historical sources where this information is not easily identified SS.CV.1.6-8.MC. Evaluate the powers and responsibilities of citizens, political parties, interest groups, and the media. SS.CV.2.6-8.MC. Analyze the powers and limits of governments, public officials, and bureaucracies at different levels in the United States and other countries.