Sterling Middle School Scope and Sequence

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HUMANITIES – Year 2



Cycle 1: Power & Potential		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
 Individual Rights 	 Identity & Values 	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
What are our values and rights? Skills: Memoir Writing, Historical Thinking Skills, Working with Primary Sources, Sentence Formation, Socratic Seminar Reading: Personal Reading Focus Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 NC Language Arts Standards: Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Narrative Writing (W.3). NC Social Studies Standards: C.1. Understand how cultural values influence relationships between individuals, groups and political entities in modern societies and regions, H.1 Use historical thinking to analyze various modern societies. 	

Cycle 2: Forces & Validation		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
o Immigration	 Community & Boundaries 	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
How do we define home? Why do people move? Skills: Expository Writing, Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Socratic Seminar, Overall Reading & Discussion Focus Reading: Book Clubs/Whole Class Text Seminars (Refugee) Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 NC Language Arts Standards: Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Informative Writing (W.2). NC Social Studies Standards: In addition to previous block's standards: 7.H.2 Understand the implications of global interactions, G.1 Understand how geography, demographic trends, and environmental conditions shape modern societies and regions, 7.G.2 Apply the tools of a geographer to understand modern societies and regions. 	

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Cycle 3: Balance & Equity		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
 National Identity 	 Social Mobility 	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
Is the American Dream still alive today? Skills: Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Information/ Persuasive Writing, Paragraphing & Revision, Mini-Debate, Socratic Seminar, Oral History Project Reading: Book Clubs (Choices TBD) Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 NC Language Arts Standards: Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Argument Writing (W.1). NC Social Studies Standards: In addition to previous blocks' standards: E.1 Understand the economic activities of modern societies and regions, 7.C&G.1 Understand the development of government in modern societies and regions. 	

Cycle 4: Changes & Revolution		
Central Concepts	Supporting Concepts	
o Power	o Voice	
Central Question(s); Period, Skills & Reading	NC State Standards Alignment	
How do we affect social change? Skills: Multi-genre Project & Portfolio, Research & Historical Thinking Skills, Socratic Seminar Reading: Book Clubs/Whole Class Text (TBD) Historical Thinking Skills: Chronological Reasoning (causation, continuity and change over time, periodization), Comparison and Contextualization, Crafting Historical Arguments from Historical Evidence, Historical Interpretation and Synthesis	 NC Language Arts Standards: Reading (RL.1-10 & RI.1-10), grammar (L.1-6), speaking & listening (SL.1-5), and research (W.4-6) standards integrated within every block. Focus on Narrative and Multigenre Writing (W.3). NC Social Studies Standards: In addition to previous blocks' standards: 8.C&G.2 Understand the role that citizen participation plays in societal change. H.3. Understand the factors that contribute to change and continuity (including NC/US) 	