

Unit Plan: 6th Grade	CERCAset	Key Question	Direct Instruction	Applied Reading and Writing Les	Additional Reading Practice	CCSS Standards
Ancient China	Societal Hierarchies	How did the early Japanese, Chinese and Korean peoples organize their societies?	Words and Details in Inform	Loyang: The Emperor's City	900 Cinderellas	CCSS.RH.6.4 CCSS.WHST.6.1
Ancient Egypt Ancient Mesopotamia	The Afterlife in Ancient Egypt	How did the ancient Egyptians' beliefs about an afterlife affect their everyday lives and their burial practices?	Central Ideas	Messengers to the Gods	A date with an Archaeologist	CCSS.RH.6.2 CCSS.WHST.6.1
The Incan Empire	Character and Risk	When are tempting rewards worth the risk?	Common Ideas Across Texts	"Mattia's Corssing" and "The Inca Chasqui"		CCSS.RL.6.9 CCSS.W.6.1
Omecs and Mayans	The Ancient Maya	What does the way that the ancient Maya interacted with the environment and the people around them reveal aout their cultural values?	Thinking Like a Historian	At Home with the Environment		CCSS.CCRA.R.3 CCSS.WHST.6.2
Ancient Greece	The Art and Architecture of Ancient Greece	What values and beliefs of ancient Greek culture are reflected in its art and architecture?	Reading Visual Sources	How the Greek Agora Changed the World	Hero Cults	CCSS.CCRA.R.7 CCSS.WHST.6.2
Ancient Rome	The Electoral College	Should we continue to use the Electoral College as part of th eprocess of electing a President in the United States	Writing about Social Studies	Origins of the Electoral College	The Wonders of Ancient Rome	CCSS.RH.6.4 CCSS.WHST.6.2
Ancient India Ancient Aztecs	*Mahatma Gandhi	How did Gandhi encourage nonviolence throughout the world through his writings?	Reading Primary Sources	The Power of Peace and Letter to Hitler	*Taj Mahal : How Long Will it Last?	CCSS.RH.6.1 CCSS.WHST.6.2
*Extension lesson related to more modern times.						

Unit Plan: 7th Grade	EQ From Curriculum	CERCAset	Key Question	Direct Instruction	Applied Reading and Writing Lesson (7th Grade)	Additional Reading Practice	CCSS Standards
Geography and Geology	How does where we live impact how we live?						
Great Encounter (1492-1824)	What can happen when different cultures live in the same place? • How does geography affect lifestyle and culture? • How is Washington State affected by the story of global exploration?	Conflict and Character	How do different characters respond to conflict?		Short Memoir: The Story of a Sioux Warrior		
		Christopher Columbus	What were the causes and effects of Columbus's voyage to the New World in 1492?	Evidence	Columbus: Intrepid Explorer or Accidental Navigator		
People on the Move (1830-1860)	What impact has immigration had on Washington State?	Westward expansion?					
Territory, Treaty Making and Statehood	What impact did the development of the Washington Territory have on different cultural groups?						
Washington State Government	What are the responsibilities of government and citizens in Washington State?	Voting Statistics	What can analyzing voting statistics tell us about the effects of voting practices in the United States?		The Right to Vote		
Railroads, Reform, Immigration and Labor (1889-1930)	What is progress? Is it good or bad?	Railway Infrastructure	What factors should the U.S. government take into account when making decisions about investing in rail infrastructure?				
Great Depression & World War II (1930-1945)	What is the legacy of the Great Depression and World War II in Washington State?	World War II	How prepared was the United States to fight World War II on two fronts?		Setting a Trap	A Legacy for the Future	CCSS.CCRA.R.3 CCSS.W.6.2
		The Great Depression	Which of the attempted solutions to the Great Depression was most effective?	Reading Visual Sources	Life at Camp #701 with William LaTour	Alphabet Agencies	CCSS.CCRA.R.7 CCSS.WHST.7.1

Technologies and Industry in Contemporary Washington	How has technology shaped the way people live in Washington State? What challenges face the people of Washington State today? How do we balance citizen rights with corporation needs? How have Washington's homegrown companies impacted the global consumer marketplace?	Technology and the Fourth Amendment	How does the 4th Amendment protect our rights even as technology changes?	Reasoning	The 4th Amendment of the US Constitution and Every Move You Make	It's the Nanorevolution	CCSS.RH.7.1 CCSS.WHST.7.1
		Technology and Impact	What problems has technology helped us solve and what new problems has the introduction of technology created?	Central Ideas	Real Relationships Rule - Or Do They?	Self-Driving Cards Inch Closer to Mainstream Availability	CCSS.CCRA.R.2 CCSS.W.7
						Professor Says Teens' Social Media Lingo Hurts Writing Skills	

Unit Plan: 8th Grade	CERCaset	ThinkCERCA Key Question	Direct Instruction	Applied Reading and Writing Lesson	Additional Reading Practice	CCSS Standards
Colonization - (Jamestown)	Jamestown	What actions and events shaped the progress of Jamestown?	Central Ideas	Before Jamestown	The Boy Who Built St. Louis	CCSS.CCRA.R.3 CCSS.WHST.8.2
Independence & Revolutionary War Time	Struggles of a New Nation	What should citizens do when they feel their government is not acting in their best interest?	Reasoning	An Eye Opening Rebellion and An Address to the People by David Gray of Pelham		CCSS.RH.8.1 CCSS.WHST.8.1
	Paul Revere and the Revolutionary War	What does the story of Paul Revere's ride reveal about the way history is remembered?	Thinking Like a Historian	Intelligence, Counterintelligence, and Gunpowder and The Myth of Paul Revere's Ride	The Myth of Paul Revere's Ride	CCSS.RH.8.8 CCSS.WHST.8.1
	Thomas Paine and the Philosophy of Revolutions	How did the writings of Thomas Paine influence both the American and French Revolutions?	Connections within an Informational Text	"Thomas Paine" and an excerpt from Common Sense: "Thoughts on the Present State of American Affairs"		CCSS.CCRA.R.3 CCSS.WHST.8.1
Constitution	The U.S. Constitution	How do certain elements of the United States Constitution reflect the issues faced by the new nation?	Structure and Organization	The Constitution of the United States		CCSS.RH.8.5 CCSS.WHST.8.1
	Student Free Speech	To what extent should students be allowed to exercise free speech?	Reasoning	School Uniforms - A Threat to First Amendment Rights?	Appeals Court Finds Nevada School's Uniform Policy Unconstitutional	CCSS.CCRA.R.1 CCSS.W.8.1
Slavery, Expansion, Removal, and Reform	The Transatlantic Slave Trade	What were the experiences of enslaved people in the transatlantic slave trade?	Evidence	The Gullah: An Island People	Harriet Tubman, The Woman Called Moses	CCSS.CCRA.R.1 CCSS.WHST.8.2
	Westward Expansion	How did the westward expansion of the United States affect the many different populations of people who journeyed west or encountered one another there?	Multiple Perspectives in Informational Texts	A Brief History of the Trail of Tears	All Aboard the Underground Railroad Canine Hero	CCSS.CCRA.R.6 CCSS.WHST.8.1
Civil War and Reconstruction	Economic Strategies in the Civil War	What role did economics play in the outcome of the Civil War?	Reading Visual Sources	Preparing for War	A Poem of the People	CCSS.RH.8.9 CCSS.WHST.8.1

	Civil War Poetry	How does poetry help explore various aspects of conflict and war?	Themes	Bivouac on a Mountain Side	Mark Twain	CCSS.CCRA.R.2 CCSS.W.8.2
American Progress	Time in the Industrial Revolution	How did the Industrial Revolution change the nature of work and the concept of time?	Explicit and Inferred Information in Informational Texts	Weekend America	Employ One. Impact Many.	CCSS.CCRA.R.1 CCSS.WHST.8.1
	Immigration Through Ellis Island	How did individuals' experiences at Ellis Island both affect their lives and reflect the changes taking place in the United States at the time?	Thinking Like a Historian	Ellis Island: Stories	The Past is Present: Just a Ferry Ride Away	CCSS.CCRA.R.8 CCSS.WHST.6-8
	Progressive Era Child Labor	What challenges did advocates for child labor laws face during the Progressive Era in the United States?	Multiple Perspectives in Informational Texts	"Grace Abbott and the Child Labor Movement" and excerpts from the Fair Labor Standards Act		CCSS.RH.8.9 CCSS.WHST.8.1