

# Power Standards

**Department:** Social Studies

**Course:** United States History II

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1. Students will understand who we are and where we came from as a nation as they briefly review the importance of the Age of Exploration, American Colonization, and Westward Expansion.
2. Students will understand the causes and effects of the Civil War and Reconstruction and it's ramifications for the modern development of the United States.
3. Students will understand the effects of the Industrial Revolution on social change, urban challenges, and its influence on the Progressive Era.
4. Students will understand the economic & social conditions of the 1920s, the ensuing economic depression, and the government's attempts to stabilize the economy.
5. Students will understand how their lives have been affected by the rise of the United States as a world power as a result of the Spanish American War, WWI and WWII.
6. Students will understand how their lives have been affected by the rise of the United States as a world power as a result of the Cold War and its impact on the 20<sup>th</sup> century.
7. Students will acknowledge the different groups seeking change in the Civil Rights Movement.
8. Students will understand how their lives have been affected by events of the 21<sup>st</sup> century including technology, the global economy, and terrorism.

**Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum:** A curriculum that 1) gives students access to the same essential learning regardless of who is teaching the class *and* 2) can be taught in the time allotted.

**Power Standard:** The knowledge, skills, and dispositions that have *endurance*, *leverage*, and are essential in preparing students for *readiness* at the next level: the most essential learning or outcomes.