Focus Topic: 6.1 – History: America in the World

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Objective(s)	NJCCCS Alignment	Essential Questions	Understandings	Suggested Assessments
• TSW explain how rules and laws created by the state protect the rights of people, help resolve conflicts, and promote the common good	6.1.4.A.1	 What virtues does a productive citizen possess? 	Environmental concerns impact our society	Ongoing observation & questioning during class discussions
 TSW determine how "equality" and "common good" have influenced change at the local and national levels of US government 	6.1.4.A.3	Why do we have rules and laws?	Local and national governments work together	Performance tasks
 TSW distinguish the roles of the three branches of the national government 	6.1.4.A.5	What role does government play?	 The economy is impacted by production and exchange 	Self-Assessment
TSW explain how state governments share power in the federal system of government	6.1.4.A.6	 In what way are people different? 	History evolves over time	Literature Connections
• TSW describe the roles of elected representatives and how they interact with citizens at local, state, and national levels	6.1.4.A.7	• Why is change important?	 Experiences and events are interpreted differently 	Multiple Choice
• TSW compare/contrast how government functions at the county and state levels, the services provided, and the impact of policy decisions made at each level	6.1.4.A.8	 How is the environment impacted? 		Real life connections
TSW describe how the actions of civil rights leaders served as catalysts for social change	6.1.4.A.10	What is economy?		
• TSW explain how the fundamental rights of the individual and the common good of the country depend upon all citizens exercising their civic responsibilities	6.1.4.A.11			
TSW explain the process of creating change at the local, state, or national level	6.1.4.A.12			
• TSW describe how the world is divided into many nations that have their own governments, languages, customs, and laws	6.1.4.A.14			

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• TSW explain how and why it is important that people from diverse cultures collaborate to find solutions to community, state, national, and global challenges	6.1.4.A.15		
• TSW use physical and political maps to explain how the location and spatial relationship of places in NJ and the US have contributed to cultural diffusion and economic interdependence	6.1.4.B.2		
 TSW explain how and when it is important to use digital geographic tools to determine time zones and locations using latitude and longitude 	6.1.4.B.3		
• TSW describe how human interaction impacts the environment in New Jersey and the United States	6.1.4.B.5		
 TSW compare/contrast characteristics of regions in the United States based on culture, economics, politics, and physical environment to understand the concept of regionalism 	6.1.4.B.6		
 TSW explain why some locations in New Jersey and the United States are more suited for settlement than others 	6.1.4.B.7		
TSW compare ways people choose to use and divide natural resources	6.1.4.B.8		
 TSW relate advances in science and technology to environmental concerns 	6.1.4.B.9		
• TSW identify the major cities in the United States and explain how maps, globes, and demographic tools can be used to understand tangible and intangible cultural differences	6.1.4.B.10		
• TSW apply opportunity cost to evaluate individuals' decisions, including ones made in their communities	6.1.4.C.1		
• TSW distinguish between needs and wants and explain how scarcity and choice influence decisions made by individuals, communities, and nations	6.1.4.C.2		
TSW describe how supply and demand influence price and output of products	6.1.4.C.4		

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 TSW explain the role of specialization in the production and exchange of goods and services 	6.1.4.C.5		
• TSW describe the role and relationship among households and businesses within the economic system	6.1.4.C.6		
 TSW explain how the availability of private and public goods and services is influenced by the global market 	6.1.4.C.7		
 TSW illustrate how production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services are interrelated 	6.1.4.C.8		
 TSW compare/contrast how access to and use of resources affects people across the world differently 	6.1.4.C.9		
TSW explain the role of money, savings, debt, and investment in individuals' lives	6.1.4.C.10		
TSW recognize the importance of setting long-term goals when making financial decisions within the community	6.1.4.C.11		
TSW determine the qualities of entrepreneurs	6.1.4.C.13		
 TSW describe how the development of different transportation systems impacted the economies of NJ and the US 	6.1.4.C.15		
 TSW explain how creativity and innovation resulted in scientific achievement and inventions in many cultures during different historical periods 	6.1.4.C.16		
• TSW explain how the development of communications systems has led to increased collaboration and the spread of ideas throughout the United States and the world	6.1.4.C.18		
• TSW evaluate the impact of voluntary and involuntary immigration on America's growth as a nation, historically and today	6.1.4.D.3		
 TSW describe the civic leadership qualities and historical contributions of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin toward the development of the United States government 	6.1.4.D.6		
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• TSW determine how local and state communities have changed over time, and explain the reasons for changes	6.1.4.D.11		
• TSW explain how folklore and the actions of famous historical and fictional characters from New Jersey and other regions of the United States contributed to the American national heritage	6.1.4.D.12		Summer 2011
 TSW describe how culture is expressed through and influenced by the behavior of people 	6.1.4.D.13		
TSW trace how the American identity evolved over time	6.1.4.D.14		
• TSW explain how various cultural groups have dealt with the conflict between maintaining traditional beliefs and practices and adopting new beliefs and practices	6.1.4.D.15		
• TSW describe how stereotyping and prejudice can lead to conflict, using examples from the past and present	6.1.4.D.16		
• TSW explain the role of historical symbols, monuments, and holidays and how they affect the American identity	6.1.4.D.17		
 TSW explain how an individual's beliefs, values, and traditions may reflect more than one culture 	6.1.4.D.18		
• TSW explain how experiences and events may be interpreted differently by people	6.1.4.D.19		
TSW understand the need to understand the perspectives of other cultures in an interconnected world	6.1.4.D.20		

Focus Topic: 6.3 – Active Citizenship in the 21st Century

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Objective(s)	NJCCCS Alignment	Essential Questions	Understandings	Suggested Assessments
TSW evaluate what makes a good rule or law	6.3.4.A.1	 What impact do rules have on our day to day life? 	• Every person should strive to be a productive citizen in their community	Ongoing observation & questioning during class discussions
 TSW contact local officials and community members to acquire information and/or discuss local issues 	6.3.4.A.2	Why be involved in school or community issues?	Our actions impact the environment	Performance tasks
• TSW select a local issue and develop a group action plan to inform school about the issue	6.3.4.A.3	 In what ways can your actions impact the environment? 		Self-Assessment
 TSW plan and participate in an advocacy project to inform others about environmental issues at the local level and propose possible solutions 	6.3.4.B.1	 What is discrimination? 		Real life connections
TSW develop and implement a group initiative that addresses an economic issue impacting children	6.3.4.C.1			
 TSW identify actions that are unfair or discriminatory, such as bullying, and propose solutions to address such actions 	6.3.4.D.1			