8th Grade/Course Social Science Unit 19: Growth in the West

Approximate Duration of Study: [Time]

Standards &	Composite 9	Vessbulent Terreds)	Accessment(s)	Heleful Activities & Becommon
	Concepts & Skills/Essential	Vocabulary Term(s)	Assessment(s)	Helpful Activities & Resources
Benchmark(s)	•			
LUCTORY/COCIAL	Questions		1. C. ta a de d	4 Political Control Archivia
HISTORY/SOCIAL	1. What lured settlers	4.5	1. Extended	1. Political Cartoon Analysis
EL.MS.RH.4 - RH.6-8.4.	to the west?	1. Frontier	Response from	
Determine the meaning			Bury My Heart At	2. Native American Tribe 3-D Project
of words and phrases as	Students will analyze	2. Great Plains	Wounded Knee	
they are used in a text,	the reasons people			3. Mapping Activity #37 – 38
including vocabulary	migrated westward,	3. Boomtown	2. Quizzes	
specific to domains	including land			4. "How did it really happen?" reading passage
related to history/social	opportunities, new	4. Long drives	3. Unit Test Pre &	p. 176 Custer's Last Stand
studies.	lives, independence,		Post	
EL.MS.RH.5 - RH.6-8.5.	gold and silver rush,	5. Vaquero		5. Battle of Little Big Horn Video
Describe how a text	ranching and new farm		4. Native American	
presents information.	machinery inventions.	6. Vigilante	3-D project	6. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee Video
EL.MS.RH.7 - RH.6-8.7.			presentations	
Integrate visual	2. How did Native	7. Reservation		7. Legendary Cowboys Video
information with other	Americans fight to		5. Native American	
information in print and	survive?	8. Sand Creek	Power Point /	8. America – The Story of Us - Heartland
digital texts.		Massacre	Research Projects	·
Political Systems	Students will analyze			
SOC.EH.014.F -	why Native signed	9. Sitting Bull	6. Political Cartoon	
Understand the	treaties and fought		Projects	
development of United	back after treaties	10. George A.	,	
States political ideas and	were broken.	Custer		
traditions.				
✓ 4A. Determine		11. Battle of Little		
the historical		Bighorn		
events and				
processes that		12. Wounded Knee		
brought about		Massacre		
changes in United				
States political		13. Dawes Act		
ideas and		15. Danes / lot		
traditions (e.g.,		14. Homestead		
the New Deal,		17. Homestead		
tile New Deal,				

Civil War).	15. William	
History	"Buffalo Bill" Cody	
SOC.EH.016.A - Apply the		
skills of historical analysis	16. Buffalo Soldier	
and interpretation.		
✓ 4A. Analyze and		
report historical	17. Homestead Act	
events to		
determine cause-	18. Exoduster	
and-effect		
relationships.	19. Sodbuster	
SOC.EH.016.C -		
Understand the	20. Grange	
development of	Cooperative	
economic systems.		
✓ 4B. (US) Analyze	21. Populist Party	
the impact of		
westward	22. Gold Standard	
expansion on the		
United States	23. William	
economy.	Jennings Bryan	
Geography		
SOC.LE.017.C -		
Understand relationships		
between geographic		
factors and society.		
✓ 2C. Explain how		
human activity		
affects the		
environment.		
History		
SOC.LH.016.E -		
Understand Illinois,		
United States and world		
environmental history.		
✓ 5A. (US) Analyze		
positive and		
negative aspects		

of human effects		
on the		
environment in		
the United States		
including		
damming rivers,		
fencing prairies		
and building		
cities.		
Political Systems		
SOC.MS.014.D -		
Understand the roles and		
influences of individuals		
and interest groups in the		
political systems of		
Illinois, the United States		
and other nations.		
✓ 3. Describe roles		
and influences of		
individuals,		
groups and		
media in shaping		
current Illinois		
and United States		
public policy		
(e.g., general		
public opinion,		
special interest		
groups, formal		
parties, media).		
Economics		
SOC.MS.015.A -		
Understand how		
different economic		
systems operate in the		
exchange, production,		
distribution and		

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consumption of goods			
and services.			
✓ 3A. Explain how			
market prices			
signal producers			
about what, how			
and how much to			
produce.			
SOC.MS.015.C -			
Understand that scarcity			
necessitates choices by			
producers.			
✓ 3A. Identify and			
explain the			
effects of various			
incentives to			
produce a good			
or service.			
15.EH.3 Understand that			
scarcity necessitates			
choices by			
producers.			
History			
SOC.MS.016.A - Apply the			
skills of historical analysis			
and interpretation.			
✓ 3B. Make			
inferences about			
historical events			
and eras using			
historical maps			
and other			
historical			
sources.			
✓ 3C. Identify the			
differences			
between			

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historical fact and			
interpretation.			
SOC.MS.016.D -			
Understand Illinois,			
United States and world			
social history.			
✓ 3A. (US) Describe			
characteristics of			
different kinds of			
communities in			
various sections			
of America during			
the			
colonial/frontier			
periods and the			
19 th century.			
SOC.MS.016.E -			
Understand Illinois,			
United States and world			
environmental history.			
✓ 3B. (US) Describe			
how the largely			
rural population			
of the United			
States adapted,			
used and			
changed the			
environment			
after 1818.			
✓ 3C. (US) Describe			
the impact of			
urbanization and			
suburbanization,			
1850 - present,			
on the			
environment.			
Geography			

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SOC.MS.017.C -		
Understand relationships		
between geographic		
factors and society.		
✓ 3A. Explain how		
human activity is		
affected by		
geographic		
factors.		
Social Systems		
SOC.MS.018.B -		
Understand the roles and		
interactions of individuals		
and groups in society.		
✓ 3B. Explain how		
social institutions		
contribute to the		
development and		
transmission of		
culture.		