8th Grade/Course Social Science Unit 28: Cold War

Approximate Duration of Study: [Time]

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Standards &	Concepts &	Vocabulary Term(s)	Assessment(s)	Helpful Activities & Resources
Benchmark(s)	Skills/Essential			
	Questions			
HISTORY/SOCIAL	1. How did the atomic	1. Harry S. Truman	1. Quizzes	1. Chapter Study Guides
EL.MS.RH.1 - RH.6-8.1.	age lead to the Cold			
Cite specific textual	War?	2. Fair Deal	2. Chapter Test Pre	2. Map Activity # 53
evidence to support			& Post	
analysis of primary and	Students will identify	3. Cold War		3. Power Point Presentations
secondary sources.	the events that led the		3. Decades Project	
EL.MS.RH.4 - RH.6-8.4.	United States and the	4. Containment		4. America – The Story of Us – Superpower /
Determine the meaning	Soviet Union to vie for			Millennium
of words and phrases as	World domination by	5. Truman Doctrine		
they are used in a text,	building massive			5. U S Presidents History Channel Video Series –
including vocabulary	stockpiles of nuclear	6. NATO		Harding to Eisenhower
specific to domains	weapons.			
related to history/social		7. Marshall Plan		6. "October Sky" Video
studies.	2. What is the			
EL.MS.RH.7 - RH.6-8.7.	American dream?	8. Mao Zedong		7. "Cold War" Video
Integrate visual				
information with other	Students will	9. 8th Parallel		
information in print and	understand the			
digital texts.	American dream is	10. Korean War		
EL.MS.RH.8 - RH.6-8.8.	centered around the			
Distinguish among fact,	ability to own your own	11. Joseph		
opinion, and reasoned	land and live freely.	McCarthy		
judgment in a text.				
Political Systems		12. Brinksmanship		
SOC.EH.014.B -				
Understand the		13. Arms Race		
structures and functions				
of the political systems of		14. Suburb		
Illinois, the United States				
and other nations.		15. Baby Boom		
√ 4. Compare the				
political systems		16. Sunbelt		
of the United				

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States to other			
nations.			
SOC.EH.014.F -			
Understand the			
development of United			
States political ideas and			
traditions.			
✓ 4A. Determine			
the historical			
events and			
processes that			
brought about			
changes in United			
States political			
ideas and			
traditions (e.g.,			
the New Deal,			
Civil War).			
✓ 4B. Describe how			
United States'			
political ideas,			
practices and			
technologies			
have extended			
rights for			
Americans in the			
20th century			
(e.g., suffrage,			
civil rights,			
motor-voter			
registration).			
History			
SOC.EH.016.C -			
Understand the			
development of			
economic systems.			
✓ 4E. (W) Compare			
socialism and			

communism in		
Europe, America,		
Asia and Africa		
after 1815 CE.		
SOC.EH.016.E -		
Understand Illinois,		
United States and world		
environmental history.		
√ 4C. (W) Describe		
how cultural		
encounters		
among peoples of		
the world (e.g.,		
Colombian		
exchange,		
opening of China		
and Japan to		
external trade,		
building of Suez		
canal) affected		
the environment,		
1500 - present.		
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).		
SOC.MS.014.E -		
Understand United States		
foreign policy as it relates		
to other nations and		
international issues.		
√ 3. Compare the		
basic principles of		
the United States		
and its		
international		
interests (e.g.,		
territory,		
environment,		
trade, use of		
technology).		
Economics		
SOC.MS.015.A -		
Understand how		
different economic		
systems operate in the		
exchange, production,		
distribution and		
consumption of goods		
and services.		
✓ 3A. Explain how		
market prices		
signal producers		
about what, how		
and how much to		
produce.		
√ 3B. Explain the		
relationship		
between		

productivity and			
wages.			
History			
SOC.MS.016.B -			
Understand the			
development of			
significant political			
events.			
✓ 3D. (US) Describe			
ways in which the			
United States			
developed as a			
world political			
power.			
SOC.MS.016.C -			
Understand the			
development of			
economic systems.			
✓ 3F. (W) Describe			
the impact of			
technology (e.g.,			
weaponry,			
transportation,			
printing press,			
microchips) in			
different parts of			
the world, 1500 -			
present.			
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