

# Highly Capable Social Studies – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade



## Context

### US History

- Beginnings through WWI
- Constitutional Issues, Checks and Balances

### Resources

- Inquiry and project based learning websites
- AP Strategies (DBQ, Primary source reading, etc.)
- District approved databases
- Creating America; A History of the US

## Content

### AP theme based units

- Interaction Between Humans and the Environment
- Development and Interaction of Cultures
- State Building, Expansion, and Conflict
- Creation, Expansion, and Interaction of Economic Systems
- Development and Transformation of Social Structures

## Standards

- History/Social Studies: Common Core Reading, Writing, Research
- Historical thinking skills
  - Analyzing Historical Sources and Evidence
  - Making Historical Connections
  - Chronological Reasoning
  - Creating and Supporting a Historical Argument
- C3 Framework
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills

## Instructional Practices

- Project Based Learning
  - Key Knowledge and Understanding
  - Challenging Problem or Question
  - Sustained Inquiry
  - Authenticity
  - Student Voice and Choice
  - Reflections
  - Critique and Revision
  - Public Product
- Inquiry
  - Compelling Questions
  - Supporting Questions
  - Performance Task Practice