



**VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
CHARTING THE COURSE

***Department of Teaching & Learning***  
***Parent/Student Course Information***

***Social Studies Grade 7***  
***(SO 2356)***  
***United States History from 1865 to the Present***

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Social Studies 7 expands the study of American History begun in grade 6 by introducing students to nineteenth and twentieth century American history. The course concentrates on the social, economic and political history of the United States and examines the effects of developments, events and change on the lives of people in historical periods. Fundamental concepts in civics, economics and geography are further developed within the context of United States history.

The course places special emphasis on study skills, locating and using varied sources of information, communicating ideas effectively, working cooperatively with others and planning and using time efficiently. Thinking skills are developed as students examine historic issues and events to determine contrasts between eras, evaluate information from varied sources and identify points of view and bias. Students are encouraged to investigate personalities and topics of personal interest by reading.

**PREREQUISITE**

Social Studies 6

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

Social Studies 8

**MATERIALS**

The teacher will use Classroom in Context (CLiC), which is a set of online resource databases, as well supplementary materials to teach, extend and enrich the students' understanding of course topics. These materials may be drawn from daily newspapers, periodicals, television and other visual media, primary source documents, simulations, computer programs and other online educational resources.

**VIRGINIA STANDARDS OF LEARNING  
UNITED STATES HISTORY FROM 1865 TO THE PRESENT**

Please follow the link below to view the standards for *United States History from 1865 to Present* from the Virginia Department of Education website.

[\*United States History, 1865 to Present\*](#)

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