

New Renaissance In Education

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM TOPIC AREAS

(You may use or submit Lesson Plans for any of these Curriculum Topics.

You can also proposed new Curriculum Topics)

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Curriculum Area:

AMERICA'S CULTURAL HERITAGE AND LEGACY

I. QUESTION TO PONDER: What Makes America Unique?

II. What Is the Character of American Society?

Allegiance to God, Family, Self & Community

Freedom

Unity

Individual Responsibility

Individual Rights

Property Rights& Respect For Property

Private Enterprise

Equality of Opportunity

Private Charity

Diligence (Hard Work)

Persistence

Thrift

Risk-taking

Progress

Achievement

Temperance

Tolerance

Diversity of Thought & Endeavors

Democracy

Initiative, Ingenuity & Inventiveness

Free Association

Mutual Support

Integrity

Celebration of the Individual

Flourishing Arts

Intellectual Dynamism
Free Expression
Spirituality
Infinite Rewards and Personal Growth
Limited Government
Service to Government as Short-term Volunteer

III. Lessons About America from *Democracy in America* (de Tocqueville)

Equality of Conditions

Leveling Effect of Free Enterprise (The Mind as the Source of Power)

Power versus Illegitimate Power (Willful Obedience to Government)

Free Association Replacing Authority (How this Strengthens Morality)

Rich and Poor Associating Together

Role of Government versus Individuals, Family, and Associations

Bottom-Up Evolution of Community to State to Country

Religion Leading to Enlightenment Leading to Liberty

Role of Local Government (Public Servant as Obligation)

WARNINGS of how American system could break down

Breakdown in moral structure, loss of temperance and self-restraint, fatal circle of materialism, complacency

IV. What Is the Character of State-dominated Society?

Allegiance to the State and the Party

Cult of Personality and the Despot

Submission of Individual to State

Dependence

Equality of Results

Propaganda

Stagnation

Obedience & Acceptance

Competency

Role Playing

Conformity

Government Control of Industry

General Will and Will of the State

Intolerance

Identification of Enemies

Fear & Caution

Slogans

Government Re-writing of History

Personal & Party Connections

Government Service as a Career

Allegiance to State

Celebration of the State

Authority & Rules

Suppression of Religion
Politicization/State Control of . . .
Education, Media, the Arts, and the Police, the Military

V Concepts to Consider: Ingredients of a Free Society

How Freedom Strengthens Morality (Comparison to Authoritative Power)
Importance of an Educated Citizenry
What Is Necessary To Keep America a Free Republic
Factors That Erode Freedom
Other

VI. Concepts to Consider: Aspects of American Society

Rights versus Responsibilities
Community versus the State
Protection of Minorities From Majorities
Freedom versus Democracy
Democracy versus a Republic
Separation of State and Religion
Societal Mores Necessary For Democracy
Power versus Illegitimate Power

VII. Question to Consider About Government in America

Does the fact that the government is elected democratically mean it can make any law it chooses?

VIII. Questions to Consider: Political Policies

Which Is More Desirable: Societal Mores (of the people) versus Authoritative Laws?
How do Societies Collapse?
Soviet Union, Ottoman Empire, others
How can we best promote human welfare around the world?
What powers should we give government?
What would Weaken America?
Why do great civilizations rise?
Why do great civilizations fall?
What characteristics and events lead to America's worldwide dominance?
Why has 99.9% of man's progress occurred in the last 400 years?
Why do Jews have such a unique place in history?
Why did Jews become so prominent in business?
How could slavery have existed in the United States?
Why did Europeans come to dominate the world?
Why is Western European and American culture dominant in the world today?
Where did the Founding Fathers get their ideas for government?
Why is the U.S. Constitution so enduring?
How was the French Revolution shaped by the 16th and 17th centuries?
How did the French Revolution shape by the 18th and 19th centuries?
Why are Hong Kong, South Korea, Chile and South Africa richer than Indonesia, China, Peru and Botswana?

Why were the Arabs nearly able to conquer Europe 500 years ago?