Grade 8 Unit 4: Civil War and Reconstruction					
Enduring Understandings/Skill Focus	Assessment Plan				
 As the war began and states took sides, the North and South drew plans and hoped for an early victory. The early years of the war were indecisive, as neither side seemed able to defeat the other. President Lincoln's decision to issue the Emancipation Proclamation opened the 	Performance Tasks:				
 way for African Americans to join the Union army. The war caused divisions in both North and South while changing the lives of civilians and soldiers alike. Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in 1863 forced the South's 	Short Answer Questions Simulations/Reenactments/Role Play Students will be able to				
 • As the Civil War ended, Americans faces the problem of how to reunite the nation. 	 Analyze and interpret primary source documents Identify geographic features and interpret their significance 				
 Disagreements over Reconstruction led to conflict in the government and in the South. 	 Create an argument for opposing viewpoints Determine the sequence of events and their importance 				
 With the end of Reconstruction, African Americans in the South lost many of the rights they had gained. Students will consider the following questions: How was the Civil War a political, 	 Distinguish myth vs. reality in historical documents Critique various sources for historical accuracy 				
economic and social turning point? In what ways did the Civil War transform the nation?	 Understand the existence of more than one perspective on any historical event Identify and evaluate bias in historical documents 				
Why did the Civil War break out between the North and South in 1861?	Take an active position in historical debate/arguments				
 What were the outcomes of battles where Confederate and Union forces faced in Virginia and at sea? How did the fighting in the Civil War spread to the western United States? 	 Identify and accurately describe complex ethical dilemmas Recognize and interpret historical dilemmas while making connections with modern day events 				
How were the lives of many Americans affected by the Civil War?	Present/demonstrate information in a manner which reveals the understanding of material				

 How did the Union win the war? How did a deeply divided nation move forward after the Civil War? What problems did the nation face in rebuilding the Union? Why did the return to power of pre-war Southern leadership lead Republicans in Congress to take control of Reconstruction? What issues did the South in its rebuilding, and African-Americans, face as Reconstruction ended? 	 Use knowledge of concepts, terms, and historical figures to construct a thesis or argument Distinguish between a primary and a secondary source Correlate the cause and effect relationship in historical events 		
Texts	NJSLS- Social Studies		
Holt McDougal United States History, Beginnings to 1877 textbook	6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.a: Prioritize the causes and events that led to the Civil War from different perspectives.		
Samuel Cabble Letter	6.1.8.HistoryCC5.b: Analyze critical events and battles of the Civil War from different		
George McClelland Letter	perspectives.		
John Sweet Letter	6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.c: Assess the human and material costs of the Civil War in the North and South.		
Zachariah Benefield Letter	6.1.8.HistoryUP.5.a: Analyze the effectiveness of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendment		
William Norton Letter	to the United States Constitution from multiple perspectives.		
Emancipation Proclamation	6.1.8. History UP.5.b: Examine the roles of women, African Americans, and Native Americans in the Civil War.		
The Gettysburg Address	6.1.8.HistpryUP.5.c: Explain how and why the Emancipation Proclamation and the		
The Last Salute of the Army of Northern Virginia	Gettysburg Address continue to impact American life.		
Articles of Agreement	6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.d: Assess the role of various factors that affected the course and outcome of the Civil War (i.e., geography, natural resources, demographics,		
Chicago Platform	transportation, leadership, and technology).		
Baltimore Platform			

U.S. Constitutional Amendments, 1870 13 th , 14th, 15 th Amendments Booth' Original Plan SIOP	6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.e: Compare and contrast the approaches of Congress and Presidents Lincoln and Johnson toward the reconstruction of the South. 6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.f: Analyze the economic impact of Reconstruction on the South from different perspectives. 6.1.8.HistoryCC.5.g: Construct an argument that prioritizes the causes and events that led to the Civil War using multiple sources from different perspectives Accom/Mod/GT/AT			
 Word Sort Think-Pair-Share KWL Chart Numbered Head Together Stand and Share 	Accommodations/ Modifications: Call and Response, Jigsaw, Partner Reading, Oral Presentation, Online Tools, Verbal Prompting, Graphic Organizers, Goal Setting, Guided Peer Discussions, Self-Monitoring, Listening to music, Interactive write, Theatre representations, Present a rap about concepts/themes/chapters, Roleplay, Culturally relevant thematic units, Think-Pair-Share, Thumbs Up, Number Cards. Line-ups, Inside-Outside Circles, Blogging, Anticipatory Guides, Confer, Compare, and Clarify. Alternative assignments, provide examples of correctly completed work, use study partners whenever reading or writing is required, present information in multiple formats, alternate grading system, different test items Gifted and Talented/Academically Talented: Expand students' time for free reading, compact curriculum to allow gifted students to move more quickly through the material, refrain from having them complete more work in the same manner			
Interdisciplinary Connections & Career Ready Practices	Integration of Technology	Integration of 21st Century Skills		Academic Vocabulary
Mathematics: Visual and Performing Arts: Health/PE: World Languages: Language Arts: RI.CR.8.1, RI.CI.8.2, RI.CI.8.3, RI.CI.8.4, RI.CI.8.5, RI.CI.8.6, RI.CI.8.7, RI.CI.8.8, RI.CI.8.9, SL.II.8.2, SL.PI.8.4, W.WP.8.4 W.WR.8.5, W.SE.8.6	Substitution: Digital versions of materials are available. Augmentation: Students prepare, complete, and submit summative assessments using Schoology.	 □ Creativity & Innovation ☑ Media Literacy ☑ Economic and Government Influences □ Critical Thinking & Problem Solving 	Tier 1 Tier 2	N/A Academic Vocabulary words not in general use, not content specific and appear far more in written texts than in speech Examples in this Unit:

	ogy: Ready Practices: 9.1.8.EG.3, 3, 9.4.8.IML.1	respond to	on/Redefinition: Students will discussion prompts and ive comments using Schoology. Learning Maj	Students must use problem solving and critical thinking skills in many classroom questions. □ Life and Career Skills (flexibility, initiative, cross-cultural skills, productivity, leadership, etc.) ☑ Global and Cultural Awareness ☑ Information & Communication Technologies Literacy ☑ Communication & Collaboration ☑ Information Literacy	Tier 3	 innovation, executive Examples for Teaching: Introduce words during or after text Student friendly definitions Domain-Specific Vocabulary words related to a specific content or field of study students are likely to encounter in the future Examples in this Unit border states, ironclads, emancipation, habeas corpus, total war, siege, secede Examples for Teaching:
			Learning wa	(Facing Guide)		
Lessons	Text (s)		Learning Outcomes, Topics, an	nd Suggested Activities		
Week 1			 for an early victory. Focusing Question: In Why did the Civil War Students will be doing 	ing: As the war began and states took sides, what ways did the Civil War transform the nabreak out between the North and South in 186. Civil War Vodcast Notes, John Brown Essivil War Animated Battle Map	tion? 1?	

Week 2		Weekly Overview:
		Students will be learning: The early years of the war were indecisive, as neither side seemed able to defeat the other.
		• Focusing Question: In what ways did the Civil War transform the nation?
		Why did the Civil War break out between the North and South in 1861?
		• Students will be doing: Civil War Animated Battle Map, Country Goes to War Slide and Student Note Sheet, 1860 Map Worksheet,
Week 3	Samuel Cabble Letter	Weekly Overview:
	George McClelland Letter John Sweet Letter	• Students will be learning: The war caused divisions in both North and South while changing the lives of civilians and soldiers alike.
	Zachariah Benefield Letter	Focusing Question: In what ways did the Civil War transform the nation?
	William Norton Letter	How were the lives of many Americans affected by the Civil War?
		• Students will be doing: Life at War Slide and Worksheet, The Home Front, Jigsaw State Activity, Civil War Letters, Where Battles Happen Worksheet, Analyzing a Primary Source,
Week 4	Emancipation Proclamation	Weekly Overview:
		• Students will be learning: President Lincoln's decision to issue the Emancipation Proclamation opened the way for African Americans to join the Union army.
		• Essential Question: In what ways did the Civil War transform the nation?
		What were the outcomes of battles where Confederate and Union forces faced in Virginia and at sea?
		• Students will be doing: Antietam and Emancipation Slide, Timeline, Graphic Organizer, Emancipation Proclamation Excerpt, Emancipation Quiz

Week 5	The Gettysburg Address	Weekly Overview:		
		• Students will be learning: Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in 1863 forced the South's surrender in April 1865.		
		Essential Question: In what ways did the Civil War transform the nation?		
		How did the fighting in the Civil War spread to the western United States?		
		• Students will be doing: Shifting Tides Slides and Activities, Shifting Tides Timeline and Map, The Gettysburg Address Reading and Questions,		
Week 6	The Last Salute of the Army of Northern Virginia	Weekly Overview:		
	Articles of Agreement	• Students will be learning: Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg in 1863 forced the South's surrender in April 1865.		
	Chicago Platform	• Essential Question: In what ways did the Civil War transform the nation?		
	Baltimore Platform	How did the Union win the war?		
		• Students will be doing: Bringing the War to an End Slides and Activities, Bringing the War to an End Timeline and Map, Election of 1864 Debate- Lincoln v. McClellan, The last Salute of the Army of Northern Virginia, Articles of Agreement		
Week 7	IJC Constitutional Amondonanta 1970	Weekly Overview:		
	U.S. Constitutional Amendments, 1870 13 th , 14th, 15 th Amendments Booth' Original Plan	• Students will be learning: As the Civil War ended, Americans faces the problem of how to reunite the nation. Disagreements over Reconstruction led to conflict in the government and in the South. With the end of Reconstruction, African Americans in the South lost many of the rights they had gained.		
		• Essential Questions: How did a deeply divided nation move forward after the Civil War?		
		What problems did the nation face in rebuilding the Union?		
		 Why did the return to power of pre-war Southern leadership lead Republicans in Congress to take control of Reconstruction? 		

	 What issues did the South in its rebuilding, and African-Americans, face as Reconstruction ended? Students will be doing: Effects of War Slides and Activities, Reconstruction Slide, Student Reconstruction Cards,
Week 8	 Weekly Overview: Students will be learning: As the Civil War ended, Americans faces the problem of how to reunite the nation. Disagreements over Reconstruction led to conflict in the government and in the South. With the end of Reconstruction, African Americans in the South lost many of the rights they had gained. Essential Questions: How did a deeply divided nation move forward after the Civil War? What problems did the nation face in rebuilding the Union? Why did the return to power of pre-war Southern leadership lead Republicans in Congress to take control of Reconstruction? What issues did the South in its rebuilding, and African-Americans, face as Reconstruction ended? Students will be doing: Effects of War Slides and Activities
Week 9	Weekly Overview: Cumulative review and Test Essential Question: How was the Civil War a political, economic and social turning point? • Students will be doing: Civil War Essay, Civil War Unit Test, Civil War Project, Unit 4 Portfolio