

Social Issues Curriculum

Cliffside Park High School

August 2018

GRADE: Social Issues 9-12 Grade (Elective)

Unit Name: 1960s and Gay Rights

Duration: 4 weeks

Enduring Understanding:

- To investigate the social issues in the 1960's and introduce the topics of gay rights.
- Use critical thinking skills to solve the problem of the 1960's and gay rights.
- Compare and contrast the problems with the 1960's and gay rights to today.
- Evaluate the possible solutions to the 1960's and gay rights.
- Evaluate society's attitude towards the 1960's and gay rights.

Essential Questions:

- How did the social issues of the 1960's help shape the U.S. today?
- How do the issues of gay rights affect Americans today?

Assessments:

Formative:

- Class participation
- Oral presentation
- Written reaction
- Journal of famous American during this time period
- Video analysis

- Children's book
- Cartoon

Summative:

- Unit test

Benchmarks:

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<p>Enduring Understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To explore the social issue of “AIDS” in the New World. ● To examine all types of harassment ● Use critical thinking skills to solve the problem of aids and harassment.

- Compare and contrast the problems with aids and harassment from the past to today.
- Evaluate the possible solutions to the problem with aids and harassment.
- Evaluate society's attitude towards the problems with aids and harassment.

Essential Questions:

- How does this disease affect us as a society?
- Is there a problem with harassment in America today?

Assessments:

Formative:

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- Compare and contrast the problems with the gun control and first amendment rights from the past to today.
- Evaluate the possible solutions to the problem with gun control and first amendment rights.
- Evaluate society's attitude towards gun control and first amendment rights.

Essential Questions:

- Do you think that Americans have the rights to “bear arms”?
- Are the rights established by the first amendment as valid today as they were in the 1780's?

Assessments:

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- Evaluate society's attitude towards the health care and animal rights.

Essential Questions:

- Where do you envision health care in the future?
- Do you think that animals have rights?

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Essential Questions:

- Can terrorists ever be stopped?
- Is there a problem with drug abuse in America today?

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