

Below is a list of topic related essential questions for History classes.

Theme 1: The Role of Government

- Essential Question 1: Why do people form governments?
- Essential Question 2: Which approach to governing is the most effective?
- Essential Question 3: What are the strengths & pitfalls of American democracy?
- Essential Question 4: What is the (economic & social) responsibility of government?
- Essential Question 5: How far should the federal government be willing to go to protect its citizens from threats?

Theme 2: The Stratification of American Society

- Essential Question 1: How does America group its citizens?
- Essential Question 2: What factors have determined the placement of groups with American society?
- Essential Question 3: How has the U.S. government addressed issues of stratification between groups?
- Essential Question 4: How have individuals responded to discrimination?

Theme 3: Insurrection in America

- Essential Question 1: Why do people protest?
- Essential Question 2: How have Americans expressed their discontent with government policies?
- Essential Question 3: How has government responded to insurrection?

Theme 4: America's Changing Demographics

- Essential Question 1: Why do people immigrate to the United States?
- Essential Question 2: How have immigrants contributed to the United States?
- Essential Question 3: How has the United States government and its people responded to immigrants?
- Essential Question 4: What factors have caused American migration?

Theme 5: American Expansion

- Essential Question 1: How has territorial expansion been justified?
- Essential Question 2: What factors promote territorial expansion?
- Essential Question 3: What responsibility does America have towards the inhabitants of a newly acquired territory?

Theme 6: The Mobilization of America

- Essential Question 1: What motivates American engagement in military conflict?
- Essential Question 2: How does war impact Americans on the home front?
- Essential Question 3: What factors determine the outcome of the war?

Theme 7: America's Relationship with the World

- Essential Question 1: What should America's role be in the world?
- Essential Question 2: When should American self-interest take priority over the interests of the world?
- Essential Question 3: How has America's role in the world changed over time?