Laarman Lesson Plan

Subject: World History Unit: World Wars and Genocides

1. Unit Objectives: Recognize the human tendency to create “in” groups and “out” groups and the consequences of that behavior.
2. Understand the particular historical context for the Armenian Genocide and the Holocaust.
3. Wrestle with the choices that individuals, groups, and nations made in response to the Armenian Genocide, The Nazi conquest of Europe, and the Holocaust, as well as the aspects of human behavior that contributed to those choices.
4. Make connections between universal themes related to democracy, citizenship, scapegoating, “othering,” and human connection and responsibility that this history raises and the world they live in today.

Date: 3/18/24 Topic: The U.S. and the U.S.S.R. in the 1920’s and ‘30’s

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| Learning Plan | 1. Students write notes on their Interwar Years ICLS forms while watching videos on the Holodomor and Great Purge in the USSR    1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lejDbulJN54&t=205s>    2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUlwALrh0Ak> (15:00 – 18:04) 2. Lecture: the U.S.’s rising isolationism 3. Students complete the summary and reflection on their ICLS forms. |

Date: 3/19/24 and 3/21/24 (students will be testing on 3/20/24) Topic: Appeasement

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| Materials | Handouts from Digital Inquiry Group, Self-Assessment |
| Learning Plan | 1. Hand out student self-assessment    1. Start with a reflection on how involved the students think the U.S. should be in world affairs and another reflection on that opinion might influence their thoughts on this topic 2. Mini-lecture: Germany builds its military, re-occupies Rhineland without intervention 3. Do the lesson found at <https://inquirygroup.org/history-lessons/appeasement?check_logged_in=1> 4. Complete the self-assessment: how successful were students in their attempts to take an objective look at the issue of whether the world should have intervened? |

Date: 3/22/24 Topic: World War II

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| Materials | ICLS forms, WWII PowerPoint |
| Learning Plan | 1. Multimedia presentation: an overview of WWII 2. Complete ICLS forms |