American and National Identity (NAT)

This theme focuses on how definitions of what it means to be an American have developed and why these definitions have changed over time. Related topics include different types of identity in America, citizenship, constitutionalism, foreign policy, assimilation and American exceptionalism.

Work, Exchange, and Technology (WXT)

This theme focuses on the development of systems of economic exchange, with particular focus on the role of technology, economic markets, and government.

Geography and the Environment (GEO)

This theme focuses on the role geography, including both the natural and human-made environments, has had in the social and political development of the United States.

Migration and Settlement (MIG)

This theme focuses on why and how the various people who moved to and within the United States adapted to and transformed their new social and physical environments.

Politics and Power (PCE)

This theme focuses on how different social and political groups have influenced society and government in the United States as well as how political beliefs and institutions have changed over time.

America in the World (WOR)

This theme focuses on the interactions between nations that affected North American history in the colonial period and the influence the United States has had on world affairs.

American and Regional Culture (ARC)

This theme focuses on how and why national, regional, and group cultures developed and changed as well as how culture has shaped government policy and economy.

Social Structures (SOC)

This theme focuses on how and why systems of social organization develop and change as well as the impact that these systems have on American society.