This 7th Grade Economics Unit is all about personal finance and how our economy works. Normally I do a simulation where they pick a job and keep a budget for a year and pretend to live on their own for a year. I hold their hand throughout the whole thing and walk them through all of this. However, I can’t really do some of that from a far, so it will be up to you to help teach some of this! I have still kept most of the concepts, but it will be up to you to answer most of the questions I normally get. I will answer any questions you (or your child has) by email, however many there are!! Please try to work with your child and have discussions about how all of this works! They will need your help with this!

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| **Week 1**  March 30th – April 3rd | THESE ARE FOR 7TH GRADE ONLY – 8TH GRADE SCROLL DOWN TO THE 8TH GRADE LESSONS!! |  |
| Monday | Which Coupon is better Activity. Read through these 10 problems and try and figure out which of the 2 coupons gives you the better deal, try to do it without a calculator if you can. | This can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) - Anything on the weebly website, don’t feel like you have to print out – they can answer everything in their Social Studies Journal, or on separate pieces of paper. |
| Tuesday | Supply and Demand at the Lemonade Stand Worksheet (just called Supply and Demand worksheet on weebly)  And Scarcity Worksheet  Read and answer the questions. See if you could summarize the concept of how Supply and Demand works. | These worksheets can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Supply and Demand – Chicken Farm Activity.  Read and answer the questions. See if you can figure out how supply and demand is like a viscous cycle (the very last question). What is the only way to break the cycle?? | This worksheet can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Being an Entrepreneur worksheet  Starting a Business Worksheet  Read and answer the questions. What did Matt (in the first worksheet) learn from his experience about supply and demand? What about making a profit? | These worksheets can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Making a Budget Reading worksheet  You, the Consumer Worksheet  Read and answer the questions. When you buy something, what are you telling that company? | These worksheets can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 2**  April 6th – April 10th |  |  |
| Monday | Salary vs. Wage Earner Worksheet – answer the questions. Try to do it without a calculator if you can.  Here is a short video and article that helps explain the difference if my explanation is not enough: <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/personal-finance/031115/salary-vs-hourly-how-benefits-laws-differ.asp> | This worksheet can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Gross vs Net Salary Worksheet (called Salary Instructions on weebly)  Ask your parents how much their GROSS SALARY is for THE YEAR. Use that number to fill out this sheet. This will teach you how much is taken out of your pay checks for insurance and taxes and social security and all other things you have to pay to give you your net salary. | This worksheet can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | You are going apartment shopping today! You will need to find an apartment to rent. Now when we do this in class you know how much you make a month – soooo, just use the monthly net salary from yesterday’s worksheet (your answer to #4). Make sure you pick an apartment with a monthly rent you can afford and in an area of town you want to live in.  THEN YOU WILL NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR THE APARTMENT!! This application is on weebly.  Use these websites to help you find your apartment:  <https://www.apartments.com/phoenix-az/?gclid=Cj0KCQjwpfHzBRCiARIsAHHzyZrMiQ06929eDErZENt-dQjTlfNex24Pl5-qKvBvtINf1hDcZnfvfLgaAk9nEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds>  <https://www.zillow.com/phoenix-az/apartments/>  <https://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/Arizona/Phoenix/> | The apartment application can be found on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Today you are buying a car!! Now most people don’t have $20,000 or however much to walk in to a dealership and buy a brand new or even a used car so the *finance* a car – meaning they make monthly payments on them. You are going to use the websites below to help you pick your car. You will need to know how much the PURCHASE PRICE is – how much they want for the car.  Read the “Buying a car story” so you feel like you got the experience of buying a car from a dealer and answer those questions (this worksheet is on weebly)  Then you will need to practice figuring out the monthly payment. Use the “Buying a car example worksheet” – you will also need the “buying a car math instructions” to help you. This will help you figure out what a monthly payment would be on a $20,000 car (a decent car) and a $7,000 car (a very cheap, run down car)  Once you have picked your car – do the same examples on the purchase price of your car and then you will have 6 options for your monthly payment!  Websites to help pick your car:  <https://www.truecar.com/used-cars-for-sale/listings/location-phoenix-az/?listPriceHigh=5000&listPriceLow=0&gclsrc=aw.ds&&kpid=go_cmp-6730809534_adg-89462798824_ad-395359277742_dsa-19959388920_dev-c_ext-&loc=9030153&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpfHzBRCiARIsAHHzyZq6uWOSzQz-CEpLZcXhFxvoIbmDU6HVuXiwaPvtYlHEV7a1KfGvR-saAhjhEALw_wcB>  <https://www.cars.com/for-sale/searchresults.action/?zc=85004&rd=10&aff=acqgeosem21&KNC=acqgeosem21&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpfHzBRCiARIsAHHzyZqn98ixWbqqunKlDpNDRJg87OrPAc1sB1JlZD8AlfMoCL-_EZNhXywaAmDoEALw_wcB> | All 3 worksheets you need are on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Checking Account Worksheet #1  Checking Account Worksheet #2  Both Worksheets are on weebly – read and answer questions. How are checking accounts different from savings accounts? What happens if a check “bounces?” | These worksheets can be found on the weebly website. (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 3**  April 13th – April 17th |  |  |
| Monday | Today you are going to make a grocery list. You are going to pretend that you are going to buy groceries for a whole month. You MUST follow the instructions on the top of the Practice Grocery List worksheet on weebly.  You may use ANY grocery store you want, and you can use AS MANY different stores as you want. Use their websites to find out the prices of all their items. Plus they will all have their sale adds on their website (you might even have grocery adds lying around your house) you may use these sale prices as well in your shopping list! You may also use coupons if you have any as well! Have fun and don’t forget to thank your parents for how much they spend on all your food and everrrrrrrything else that comes with shopping ☺ !! | Find the Practice Grocery List on weebly:  (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | So today is a lot like yesterday, except furniture shopping! You MAY NOT take anything from home with you to your new apartment – you must buy all of your own stuff. Again the goal is to be realistic so if you think you are just going to have a couch and a TV, then I guess you wont be cooking or have any dishes or even a trash can. Or towels, or a shower curtain. Or blankets. So look around your house – what do you need? Use stores like Walmart, target, you can buy used if you want to be thrifty. Again, follow the instructions on the top of the paper.  This website can help you think of what to buy: <https://www.updater.com/moving-tips/first-apartment-checklist>  You do not need to buy toilet paper or cleaning supplies – those should have gone on your grocery list. | Use the Furniture List from weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | How the Stock Market works.  Read my PowerPoint on weebly (titled Stock Market PowerPoint)  Watch this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p7HKvqRI_Bo>  Then, track 2 or 3 stocks over the next few days using the worksheet “Tracking a stock” on weebly. You can just type the companies name and stock price in to google and it will give you the closing stock price from the previous day. Really think about what companies might do well (or not) right now and see if your predictions are correct over the next few days! | PowerPoint and Tracking a Stock worksheet available on weebly website:  (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Read and take notes on the Credit Report PowerPoint on Weebly.  Watch this video to also help explain it to you: <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/pf/10/credit-score-factors.asp>  Then answer the questions on weebly called Credit Report/Score Questions  Ask your parents about why your credit score is so important to your future! | PowerPoint and Credit Report/Score worksheet available on weebly website:  (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Chapter 17, Section 1. The Economics System at Work. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. THIS SECTION IS VERRRRRY LONG SO I HAVE SPLIT IT UP OVER 2 DAYS!!!! | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 4**  April 20th – April 24th |  |  |
| Monday | CONTINUE: Chapter 17, Section 1. The Economics System at Work. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. THIS SECTION IS VERRRRRY LONG SO I HAVE SPLIT IT UP OVER 2 DAYS!!!! | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Chapter 17, Section 2. Business Organizations. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Learning how to write checks. I know it doesn’t seem like anyone does this anymore – but you might have to for lots of things! I still get checks all the time for Student Council – sometimes apartments want you to pay some things by check etc. So it’s good to know it!  Watch these videos on how to do it:  Here are the videos to watch:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVgTsRU2EG8>  <https://www.bankrate.com/finance/video/banking/how-to-write-a-check.aspx>  Then: practice writing your own checks! On Weebly, there is a worksheet called “practice checks” for you to practice on and then another worksheet with instructions on how to write a check (how to write a check instrutions) if you need it.  Then, read and answer the questions on the “Market Economy worksheet” on weebly | Both worksheets are on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Money and Prices Worksheet on weebly  Paper Money Worksheet on weebly  Read and answer the questions on these worksheets. What happened in Germany when inflation got out of control? What is the process of how paper money is made? Why is the process so complicated? | Both worksheets are on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Chapter 18, Section 2. Business Organizations. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. Think about how this section seems to be very relevant to what is going on right now with empty shelves in the stores and how important the shipping industry is to our economy!! | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 5**  April 27th – May 1st |  |  |
| Monday | Today you are going to make a monthly budget. Go back to your Salary worksheet that told you what your Net salary was that you did back in week 2. Think about how much your apartment rent is each month, how much your car payment is each month, how much you spent on groceries and then how much of all your furniture you can afford for a month (you can finance it just like your car using the same math and have a monthly payment or you can buy some of it each month)  Using a chart like the one I put on weebly (Budget Example), think of other things your parents pay for monthly – phone bill, electricity, car insurance, Netflix, etc. Ask them to help you fill it out and see if you could afford to live on your own. Where could you cut some spending? Would you have to get a roommate and get a 2 bedroom? Would you have to live with your parents forever?  Use this website to help think of all monthly bills: <https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/finance/budget-checklists-for-the-diy-budgeter/> | Use the Budget Example worksheet on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Chapter 19, Section 1. Money and Credit. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Debit Card Worksheet on weebly website  Savings Accounts Worksheet on weebly website  Read and answer questions on both worksheets. How debit cards different from credit cards? When does the money come out of your account when you use a debit card? Why is it important to keep a savings account? How can you earn money off of one? | Both worksheets are on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Watch these videos on Inflation:  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGPBTEugNnI>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XwhFAuBSl9g>  Then read and answer the questions on the Inflation worksheet on weebly website | Inflation worksheet is on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Chapter 19, Section 2. Banks and Banking. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 6**  May 4th – May 8th |  |  |
| Monday |  |  |
| Tuesday | Chapter 19, Section 3. Saving and Investing. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | You’re going Credit Card Shopping!  You are going to compare the rates and offers from credit cards and fill out the worksheet on weebly titled “comparing credit cards” – answer the questions on the second page too using the info you found.  Use this website to scroll through and fill out the worksheet DON’T ACTUALLY CLICK ON ANYTHING OR APPLY FOR ANYTHING:  <https://www.comparecards.com/best-credit-card-offers?&source=adwords&campaign=279472848&grp=17962970568&content=427688675900&medium=search&kw=credit%20card%20comparrison&kwid=kwd-2188018922&kmt=e&ext=&pla=&tar=&pos=&acqs=prospecting&net=g&dev=c&geol=9030153&intl=&c3=&bdst=cpc&esourceid=6272126&mtaid=80411&ad_group_id=17962970568&ad_id=427688675900&keyword=credit%20card%20comparrison&keyword_id=kwd-2188018922&keyword_match_type=e&ad_extension_id=&placement_name=&ad_position=&network_name=g&experiment_id=&campaign_id=279472848&gclid=Cj0KCQjwpfHzBRCiARIsAHHzyZrDfxl5xOUpuG7luKt84CLghLXDJAtbseNayf4pn1BxhEYq_4U2E30aAn6zEALw_wcB&gclsrc=aw.ds&sessionid=22ea5f8c-f4ad-43b5-9688-9fea3d4d86bf&mta=1> | The Comparing Credit Card worksheet is on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Chapter 19, Section 4. Insurance Against Hardship. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions. | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Today you will be filling out a practice job application! Think of whatever job you want to be applying for – then fill out the application that is on weebly for that job! Ask your parents or email me any questions you have! | Use the Practice Job Application on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 7**  May 11th – May 15th |  |  |
| Monday | Congrats! You have an interview for the job you applied for! Now practice answering some common job interview questions!  Find the Practice Interview Questions on weebly and write down your possible answers! | Use the Practice Interview Questions on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Living on your own activity – read and answer the questions.  Find the “Living on your own acivity” on weebly website | “Living on your own acivity” on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Today you will be comparing Employee Benefits – Employers give you more than just a paycheck!  This article should help explain: <https://www.thebalancecareers.com/types-of-employee-benefits-and-perks-2060433>  Then answer the questions on the “Comparing Employee Benefits Worksheet” on the weebly website | “Comparing Employee Benefits Worksheet” on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Today you will be working on if you ever come in to financial trouble, what will you do? What can happen?  Find the “Financial Trouble Activity” on weebly website. Read and answer the questions. | “Financial Trouble Activity” on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Today you will be looking at paystubs and looking at exactly what comes out of your check to give you your net salary – but also how overtime hours can factor in to your pay.  Find these two worksheets on weebly:  Analyze paystub questions  Paystub Math | Both worksheets are on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |

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| **Week 8**  May 18th – May 22nd |  |  |
| Monday | Watch this video: <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/is-college-worth-time-and-money-video/above-the-noise/>  Then have your parents help you  walk through the Paying for college worksheet on weebly | The Paying for College worksheet is on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>)  For some jobs, you have to go to college, but for some, it’s not an option and others don’t want to – that doesn’t mean you can’t find a good job. Watch the video and think about how you can relate it to what you have learned throughout this unit and what you might want to do in your own future. |
| Tuesday | Watch video on if college should be free:  <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/should-college-be-free/should-college-be-free/>  and if we should get free money from the government:  <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/should-we-get-free-money-from-the-government/should-we-get-free-money-from-the-government/> | After watching these videos – where do you fall on these 2 ideas? Do you think they are good ideas? Do you think they are terrible ideas? Why or why not? |
| Wednesday | Read this article about the crazy Tulip Bulb Crash:  <https://www.focus-economics.com/blog/tulip-mania-dutch-market-bubble> | What lessons can be learned from this crazy economic phenomenon?  What caused this crisis?  Could something (or has) something like this ever happen again? |
| Thursday | Financial Football!!  <http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/play/financial_football>  play for free on IOS and Android store as well!! | Play the game and review personal finance concepts we have learned throughout this unit |
| Friday | And just for fun: watch this video on how Bitcoin works and the pros and cons of it:  <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/cryptocurrency-the-future-of-money-kqed/is-cryptocurrency-the-future-of-money-above-the-noise/> | Where do you fall of this whole idea? Do you think it is a silly concept destined to die like Silly Bands or is it a new trend in our economy that will soon become our new currency? |

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| **Week 1**  March 30th – April 3rd | THESE ARE FOR 8TH GRADE ONLY – 7TH GRADE SEE ABOVE!!! |  |
| Monday | The Start of the Vietnam War PowerPoint | This PowerPoint is on the weebly site (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) read through the slides and take notes on them. Then be able to summarize how the US was drawn in to the war in Vietnam. - - Anything that is on the weebly website please don’t feel like you have to print out – they can answer everything in their Social Studies Journal, or on separate pieces of paper. |
| Tuesday | Chapter 29, Section 1. Kennedy and Foreign Policy. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions.  Then – read and answer the questions for the Vietnam Reading Comp Worksheet. | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions and the Worksheet are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Go on to Netflix and watch the Documentary series *The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.* Watch Episode #1 titled “Deja Vu” | Answer these questions throughout the video: 1. **How did presumptions and misunderstandings affect the war efforts of the Vietnamese and the United States? 2. Why is it important for a nation’s leaders to fully understand their enemies and the physical and political environments in which they find themselves?** |
| Thursday | Chapter 29, Section 2. Escalation. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Types of Warfare PowerPoint | This PowerPoint is on the weebly site (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) read through the slides and take notes on them. Then be able to summarize the 2 different strategies and types of warfare for both sides. Also be able to answer how this war was like a war between a tiger and an elephant from the Vietnamese General’s quote. |

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| **Week 2**  April 6th – April 10th |  |  |
| Monday | <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2017/09/11/vietnam-war-voices/105499474/>  These are six different short stories from 6 different people all impacted by the war. | Read all 6 short stories. What do you notice about the people? How do their stories differ in how the war impacted them? How did their circumstances or their background change their belief or viewpoint on how they felt about the war? |
| Tuesday | <https://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/04/the-vietnam-war-as-seen-by-the-north-vietnamese/390627/>  This is an article from the North Vietnamese’ perspective. | Compare it to the stories you read from yesterday. What differences do you see? What similarities? Does it change your perspective of the war? Do you think it would change some of the people from yesterday’s stories perspectives? |
| Wednesday | <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RYxMRiftYuY>  YouTube video on John McCain’s POW experience in Vietnam War | Watch the video about his time as a POW in Vietnam. Think about and discuss what keeps someone going while in a place like that? Did he do the right thing not going home when he had the chance? Would you be able to turn down the offer to go home? What are your thoughts on the video and his courage? |
| Thursday | Go on to Netflix and watch the Documentary series *The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.* Watch Episode #4 titled “Resolve” | This episode highlights the fighting and how the soldiers were not prepared for what was over there. Listen to the vets talk about their memories. See if you can make any connections to any other previous wars we have learned about – The Civil War, WWI, WWII? Are there similar fighting techniques, weapons, strategies, stories you remember etc? |
| Friday | Listen to the following 4 songs from the Vietnam Era:  Donovan – Universal Soldier - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A50lVLtSQik>  Bob Dylan – Masters of War - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JEmI_FT4YHU>  Tom Paxton – Lyndon Johnson Told the Nation - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qTyqoV1d2Ys>  Merle Haggard – Fightin’ Side of Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bTWZy4ETCZs>  John Lennon – Imagine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6svOHFSAH8> | **LYRICS AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT ON WEEBLY -** <http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>  Find the Song analysis worksheet on weebly and answer the questions for each song after listening to them twice. |

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| **Week 3**  April 13th – April 17th |  |  |
| Monday | Go on to Netflix and watch the Documentary series *The Vietnam War: A Film by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.* Watch Episode #6 titled “Things Fall Apart” | Questions to consider while watching: What happens to LBJ? What mistakes does he make? Why does he make them? Could he have done something differently? What affects does his mistakes have on our nation? |
| Tuesday | Chapter 29, Section 3. The End of the War. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | There are 4 Poems you are going to read and answer analysis questions about all 4. | All 4 Poems and the Poem Analysis Questions are on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Watch this 2min video on the walk through of the Vietnam Memorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vrC5P69QFQ>  Then read this bio about the designer: <https://www.biography.com/artist/maya-lin>  Then, read and answer the questions on the Vietnam Memorial Worksheet on weebly website. | What other monuments did Maya Lin create? Why was she such a controversial choice for the Vietnam Memorial?  There is a worksheet on weebly on the Vietnam Memorial (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Read this article: <https://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/vietnam-war-history> - this reviews the whole war nicely  Then read this article: <https://www.americanforeignrelations.com/O-W/The-Vietnam-War-and-Its-Impact-Lessons-and-legacies.html> | Review the war and look at the pictures at the bottom of the first website  Then for the second article, think about the economic, political and even the physical and mental impact this war had on both countries. Have either countries fully recovered of “learned a lesson” from this war? |

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| **Week 4**  April 20th – April 24th |  |  |
| Monday | Read about JFK’s presidency here:  <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/john-f-kennedy>  There is also a great documentary that isn’t very long on Netflix called: *JFK: the Making of a President.* | What did JFK do during WWII? Why was America so hopeful with this new family moving in to the White House? What Cold War events did Kennedy face during his Presidency? |
| Tuesday | JFK Assassination PowerPoint. The PowerPoint is mostly pictures, but read through it and take some notes.  Then read and answer the questions on the JFK Worksheet on weebly website | The PowerPoint and worksheet is available on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Read the uncanny similarities between Kennedy and Lincoln: <https://www.history101.com/comparisons-lincoln-kennedys-assassinations/> | What do you make of the similarities? Read at the bottom of the website what they think of the coincidences. Do you agree with them? Could this happen with other people or events in history? Why or why not? |
| Thursday | Read and watch JFK’s inaugural address speech.  Here is the transcript if you need to read along; <https://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=false&doc=91&page=transcript>  Here is the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PEC1C4p0k3E> | What does Kennedy mean by “A new torch” being passed to a new generation of Americans? What does the “tiger” represent in his speech? What about his famous line of “ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country?” what does this mean? How can it relate to right now in our country? |
| Friday | Watch the Netflix documentary of Robert Kennedy, JFK’s brother: *Bobby Kennedy for President.* I want you to watch just the first episode, (unless you want to watch more) but its titled “A New Generation” | Bobby Kennedy, or RFK (Robert Kennedy) was JFK’s little brother and he also meets an untimely fate while running for president in 1968. He was also supposed to be the hope of the nation. Watch the episode and make connections between RFK and JFK. Compare their successes in Civil Rights and for those less spoken for in America. And then compare their mistakes they made as well. Then, the obvious, compare their assassinations. |

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| **Week 5**  April 27th – May 1st |  |  |
| Monday | Chapter 30, Section 1. Nixon’s Presidency and Watergate. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Read about Nixon’s Presidency: <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/richard-m-nixon>  Nixon Worksheet available on Weebly | Nixon worksheet on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>)  Nixon had such a great political career, and then he made such huge mistakes. How could Nixon change his reputation? Do you think its possible to change his image? Do you think Nixon should be forgiven? |
| Wednesday | 2 Watergate worksheets on Weebly website | Both worksheets on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Thursday | Read about Ford’s Presidency: <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/gerald-r-ford>  Ford worksheet on weebly website | Ford worksheet on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>)  What is different about Ford’s Presidency than others? How do you think his childhood affected his political career? |
| Friday | Pardoning Nixon:  Read about the Pardon: <https://www.historyplace.com/speeches/ford.htm>  For the Pardon: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/lifestyle/2001/05/22/gerald-ford-gets-award-for-pardoning-nixon/c77c9481-ea18-4b6b-8486-624b367f88c9/>  Against the Pardon: <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/156594> | After reading about the Pardoning of Nixon, do you think Ford did the right thing? Did he help heal the Nation, or did he open the door for others to abuse their power? Did he sacrifice his career, or did he help save his friend?  Think about it and write out an answer with reasons why using the articles evidence. |

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| **Week 6**  May 4th – May 8th |  |  |
| Monday | Chapter 30, Section 2. America in the 1970’s. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Read about Carter’s Presidency:  <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/jimmy-carter>  Carter worksheet on weebly website | Carter worksheet on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>)  Why did the nation choose an unknown politician like Carter after the craziness of Vietnam and Watergate? What qualities did Carter have that American might have liked? What mistakes did Carter make or difficulties did he face in his Presidency? |
| Wednesday | Iran Hostage Crisis  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-WgNf6mn2k>  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6Rt1a1xII8> – Carter Interview | Why do you think the Iranians waited until after Reagan was sworn in to release the hostages?  What did Carter do to try and get the hostages home?  Why were the hostages taken in the first place? |
| Thursday | Chapter 30, Section 3. The Reagan Presidency. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Read about Reagan’s Presidency: <https://www.history.com/topics/us-presidents/ronald-reagan>  Reagan Worksheets on Weebly website. One on Reagan and the other is on his assassination attempt | Both worksheets on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>)  Why did the nation choose such a strong leader like Reagan after the Carter years? What qualities did Reagan have that American might have liked? What mistakes did Reagan make or difficulties did he face in his Presidency? |

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| **Week 7**  May 11th – May 15th |  |  |
| Monday | Chapter 31, Section 1. The End of the Twentieth Century. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Desert Storm Worksheets on Weebly. One is the reading and the other are the questions that go along with the reading. Read and answer the questions. | Desert Storm Workheet reading and questions on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | Read about Clinton’s Presidency: <https://www.biography.com/us-president/bill-clinton>  <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/articles/teaching-content/clinton-administration/>  Clinton’s Reading Worksheet on weebly website | Clinton’s reading worksheet on weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>)  What types of problems did Clinton face during his Presidency? Why did he want to focus more on domestic issues other than foreign issues? What foreign problems did he have to face during his presidency? |
| Thursday | Chapter 31, Section 2. George W. Bush in Office. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | 9/11 – September 11th is best taught by video. I cannot find the video I normally show, so here are some good alternatives. Please know that this is a sensitive subject and should be discussed afterwards since it is sad and needs to be processed.  Amazon Prime videos:  *9/11 – The Heartland Tapes*  *September 11th 2001: A Day that Changed the World*  There is a movie on Netflix that depicts the events and stars Nicholas Cage (I have not personally seen it, but I hear its good!): its called “World Trade Center”  Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGs-E1iIMyM>  This video is the new memorial that exists: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkJ0K0IBOA4> | Compare this tragedy to Pearl Harbor. What connections can you make?  What acts of heroism can you find in the video you watched? |

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| **Week 8**  May 18th – May 22nd |  |  |
| Monday | Census Activity Worksheet on Weebly. It’s on Apportionment. Use the charts and maps at the bottom (scroll down) to answer the questions | Census Activity worksheet on weebly website (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Tuesday | Chapter 31, Section 3. The Road Ahead. Read and take notes, answer Review Questions | The pictures of the textbook and Review Questions are all on Weebly (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Wednesday | We Didn’t Start the Fire Analysis  Watch these videos **in this order:**   1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m50p-XScreM> (just lyrics) 2. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9p3DzUwxI0o> (shows what each thing is) 3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFTLKWw542g> (music video) 4. If you want to know what these things are – there is a list of explanations on weebly (for instance, if you want to know what “children of thalidomide is – go look on the list of WDSTF explanation on there) 5. Here is some answers: ☺ <https://www.shmoop.com/study-guides/music/we-didnt-start-the-fire/meaning> | It breaks my heart to teach you this song like this and that there is no time to do the Museum now – but listen to the song a million times if you want!  Here are the questions I want you to think of:   1. Why are there years on the side in the first video? 2. What does the chorus mean? Who started the fire? 3. In the official video (3rd video) what happens throughout? What changes with each “decade” change? 4. What is Billy Joel trying to say in the song? What is his meaning? |
| Thursday | Billy Joel created the song “We Didn’t Start the Fire” as a list of events that happened in his life. After analyzing the song yesterday, create your own version of the song with events that happened in your life! It doesn’t have to rhyme (unless you want it to!) but instructions are on weebly so go check them out! I would love to see some of these even if it’s not mandatory so send me some!!! | Personal Song instructions for WDSTF (We Didn’t start the Fire) is on the weebly website: (<http://valleyacademy78.weebly.com/social-studies.html>) |
| Friday | Conduct a historical interview with one or a few members of your family. We have learned about so many events in history from Vietnam, to 9/11, from walking on the moon, to Cold War events like the Berlin Wall coming down, to Watergate, etc. Ask your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, anyone, what they remember, what they thought, anything! DO NOT just stick to one event – come up with mannnnnnny events, people etc and ask them as many questions as you can think of – you never know what kind of interesting stories you could find out! | Just write out a list of questions to ask a member of your family, or have an open discussion, it can be formal, or not, but you never know what you’re going to find out!! |