Laarman Lesson Plan

Class: U.S. History Unit: US and the World Standards: B.12.1, B.12.2, B.12.11

Topic: Covert Operations Date: 5/15/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Cold War multimedia: covert operations slides |
| **Procedure**  | 1. Students play covert operations videos
2. Follow each video with summary slide
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Topic: Invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan Date: 5/16/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Modern Times Multimedia |
| **Procedure**  | Multimedia: Iraq War |

Topic: The Costs of War Date: 5/17/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Costs of War Handout, Laptops |
| **Objective**  | Students analyze the costs and benefits of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. |
| **Procedure**  | Costs of War lesson: <http://www.choices.edu/resources/twtn/twtn_cost_of_war.php>  |
| **Homework** | Costs of War worksheet |

Topic: The Rise of ISIS Date: 5/18/17

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| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | 1. Follow-up on yesterday’s lesson
	1. Things are much worse now than before 9/11 (play short clip from “The Secret History of ISIS” at 51:00)
	2. It’s easy to say now that we should never have invaded Afghanistan and Iraq (and more than half of Americans today do say that)
	3. But in 2001, 90% said it was a good idea to invade Afghanistan and the Senate vote authorizing force was 98-0 and the House vote 420-1
2. Iraq and Afghanistan were not the only places the U.S. intervened recently: The U.S. helped overthrow Libyan president Muammar Gaddafi in 2011
	1. [NATO video](http://www.nato.int/docu/review/2012/Arab-Spring/Libya-2012-revolution/EN/index.htm)
	2. [After the revolution](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoCYSEl5sRk)
3. Discuss: everything you know about ISIS
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| **Procedure**  | Key elements in the rise of ISIS1. Don’t strike al-Zarqawi prior to Iraq War-want to establish link between Iraq and al-Qaida-and instead end up elevating his status
	1. “Secret History” 11:25-15:34: Why did the Bush administration over-inflate his importance? What effect did this end up happening?
2. De-Ba’athification and decommissioning of Iraqi army disaffects thousands
	1. “Secret History” 15:34-18:55: Was it the right decision to remove previous authorities?
3. The insurgency is contained and al-Zarqawi killed, but mass incarceration radicalizes many, including the future leader of ISIS al-Baghdadi; U.S. withdrawal gives them the space to grow
	1. “Secret History” 36:18-38:10: Was the U.S. right to withdraw?
4. After the U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, Iraqi government eliminates Sunni leaders and cracks down on Sunni protestors
	1. “Rise of ISIS” 24:00-26:44:Should the U.S. have done something to get President Maliki to include Sunnis? Do you agree with Obama’s philosophy that “ultimately it is up to them?”
5. Civil War in Syria provides perfect conditions for growth
	1. “Rise of ISIS” 9:58-11:33: should the U.S. have supported “moderate” rebels?
6. The current state of ISIS
	1. “Secret History” 51:00-52:00
	2. Explore ISIS’s global reach: <http://apps.frontline.org/isis-affiliates/>
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| **Closure** | Has the U.S. been too aggressive or not aggressive enough? |

Topic: U.S. and the World Wrap Date: 5/19/17

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| **Anticipatory Set****-connection, motivation, relevance** | How can we summarize Barack Obama’s approach to foreign policy? Donald Trump’s? What do you think America’s approach should be? |
| **Procedure**  | Discussion1. Rubric, grading for storycorps project
2. Final paper

Students have time to work on final paper. |