Laarman Lesson Plan

Class: U.S. History Unit: Progress and the American Dream

Standards: B.12.8, B.12.9, B.12.15, C.12.8

Topic: Economy of the ‘70’s, ‘80’s, and ‘90’s Date: 1/3/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Progress and the American Dream Power Point |
| **Procedure** | 1. Multimedia: Economy of the post-war years (1945-1970’s)    1. Small-group discussion: what do you think caused this “golden age”? What impact did Keynesian policies have? What factors outside of leaders’ control had an impact? 2. Multimedia: Stagflation in the 70’s 3. “[Commanding Heights](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoWbm8zUG6Y&t=3933s)” video: deregulation: 1:20:53-1:28:23 (Britain) |

Topic: Economy in the ‘70’s, ‘80’s, and ‘90’s Date: 1/4/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Progress and the American Dream Power Point |
| **Procedure** | 1. “Commanding Heights” video: Reaganomics: 1:32:13-1:40:27 (“Almost entirely up”) 2. Multimedia presentation for student notes  * Reaganomics of the ‘80’s * The Clinton Years |
| **Homework** | Debates in History questions, p.977 |

Topic: Economy in the 2000’s Date: 1/5/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Progress and the American Dream Power Point |
| **Anticipatory Set**  **-connection, motivation, relevance** | Student small groups look back at their note packets, summarize what happened during the different eras, and fill in any gaps. |
| **Procedure** | Multimedia presentation for student notes   * Bush economic policy * The Great Recession |

Topic: The Great Recession Date: 1/6/17

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| **Materials, Prep** | Progress and the American Dream Power Point |
| **Anticipatory Set**  **-connection, motivation, relevance** | What caused the Great Recession of 2008? |
| **Procedure** | Multimedia for student notes: the story of the recession and the bailout   * Intersperse Power Point with scenes from [*Inside the Meltdown*](http://www.pbs.org/video/1082087546/), pbs.org * Obama and the years since the Great Recession |

[Inside the Meltdown](http://www.pbs.org/video/1082087546/) vid clips

“The Bubble Bursts:” Inside the Meltdown 23:00-25:24 (talking about Fannie and Freddie)

“Risk of Systemic Failure:” Inside the Meltdown 11:40-15:11 (Geithner calls Bernanke)

Fannie bubble: 25:24-27:12 (Lehman Brothers)

AIG bubble: 36:59-39:52 (“80% ownership stake”)

“Entire world financial system…” bubble: 34:40-39:52 (“80% ownership stake”)

“Secretary of the Treasury” bubble: 42:06-53:40 (Obama starts talking)