READING LIKE A HISTORIAN



Zoot Suit Riots Lesson		
Central Historical Question: What caused the Zoot Suit Riots?		
California	11.7.5 Students analyze America's participation in World War II. Discuss	
State	the constitutional issues and impact of events on the U.S. home front, in-	
Standard	cluding the internment of Japanese Americans (e.g., Fred Korematsu v.	
	United States of America) and the restrictions on German and Italian	
	resident aliens; the response of the administration to Hitler's atrocities	
	against Jews and other groups; the roles of women in military production;	
	and the roles and growing political demands of African Americans.	
Common Core State Standard(s):		

Reading

- 1. Cite specific textual evidence to support analysis of primary and secondary sources.
- 2. Determine the central ideas of information of a primary or secondary source; provide an accurate summary of the source distinct from prior knowledge or opinions.
- **4.** Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including vocabulary specific to domains related to history/social studies.
- **6.** Evaluate authors' differing points of view on the same historical event or issue by assessing the authors' claims, reasoning, and evidence.
- 7. Integrate and evaluate multiple sources of information presented in diverse formats and media (e.g., visually, quantitatively, as well as in words) in order to address a question or solve a problem.
- 9. Analyze the relationship between a primary and secondary source on the same topic.
- **10.** By the end of grade 12, read and comprehend history/social studies texts in the grades 11-CCR text complexity band

Writing

- 1. Write arguments focused on discipline-specific content.
- **a.** Introduce precise, knowledgeable claim(s), establish the significance of the claim(s), distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and create an organization that logically sequences the claim(s), counterclaims, reasons, and evidence.
- **b.** Develop claim(s) and counterclaims fairly and thoroughly, supplying the most relevant data and evidence for each while pointing out the strengths and limitations of both claim(s) and counterclaims in a discipline-appropriate form that anticipates the audience's knowledge level, concerns, values, and possible biases.
- **c.** Use words, phrases, and clauses as well as varied syntax to link the major sections of the text, create cohesion, and clarify the relationships between claim(s) and reasons, between reasons and evidence, and between claim(s) and counterclaims.
- **d.** Establish and maintain a formal style and objective tone while attending to the norms and conventions of the discipline in which they are writing.
- e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from or

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independently and proficiently.	supports the argument presented.
	4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development,
	organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and
	audience.
	8. Gather relevant information from multiple authoritative print
	and digital sources, using advanced searches effectively; assess
	the strengths and limitations of each source in terms of the
	specific task, purpose, and audience; integrate information into
	the text selectively to maintain the flow of ideas, avoiding
	plagiarism and over-reliance on any one source and following a
	standard format for citation.
	9. Draw evidence from informational texts to support analysis,
	reflection, and research.
	10. Write routinely over extended time frames (time for reflection
	and revision) and shorter time frames (a single sitting or a day or
	two) for a range of discipline-specific tasks, purposes, and
	audiences.