OLEAN HIGH SCHOOL

Course NameA	American Events	
Text		
Other Resources_	Historical Movies	

Grade 12

Month	Topic Content	Skills	Concepts	Major Assessments	Learning Standards	Resource/Text Page
	The Politics of War	Evaluate	■ Media	Paper comparing	Standard 5	Internet Sites
		Compare and	Influence on	Patton in World		- allmovie.com
	Media's effect on	Contrast	War Politics	War II to the		- turnitin.com
	War Politics	Research	Political	Situation in Iraq		Patton
			Correctness	today.		
	Leadership during		■ Leadership			
	World War II		during time	Paper comparing		
Sept.			of War	the role of two		
	Leadership today		■ Cultural	leaders dragged		
			Conflicts -	into a conflict		Braveheart
	Cultural Cnflict		Values	against their will.		
						The Patriot
						The Last of the
	D 11.1 13.6 11	7.	D •		G. 1 1 7 77	Mohicans
	Political Machines	Discussion	Power in		Standard 5 – Key	Internet
	A1 C D 11'	Research	Government		idea #2,3	Mr. Smith goes to
	Abuse of Public	Evaluation	- Senate			Washington
	Trust	Role Play	debate			
			- Money and			
	When cultures		power in			
Oct.	collide		government			
	- Native		Cultural Conflict.	Students will create		Dances with Wolves
	American		Cultural Commet.	journal entries		Dances with Wolves
	- Anglo-			reflecting discoveries		
	European			about the time period		
	Laropean			made by watching		
				the movie		
N.T.	The use of	Compare and	International	Students will	Standard 5 – Key	Pearl Harbor
Nov.	conflict, romance	Contrast	intrigue	compare a movie	Idea #3,4	Casablanca

	and intrigue to create a successful movie with historical events as the backdrop.	Research	Cultural conflict War Politics	from the 40's with a current movie and discuss techniques used by movie makers to make the movie a success.		
	Examine the challenge of the Space Race after the USSR launched Sputnik.	Research Analyze	America's efforts meeting a Challenge	Students will write a paper analyzing America's ability to meet challenges throughout history.		October Sky
	Rationalize the risk to reward ratio of the Space program.	Prioritize Research	Politics	Students will compare the Apollo 13 incident with another NASA tragedy and evaluate this value of the Space program.	Standard 5 – Key Idea #3,4	Apollo 13
Dec.	Examine early 60's car culture and music. Students will	Compare the Dred	60's Culture	Discuss the movie and cultural elements of American Graffiti.		American Graffiti
	examine early attempts through the court system to end Slavery.	Scott Case to the Supreme Court Case involving the Africans aboard the Amistad.	Racism Slavery Supreme Court International Politics	Students will write a paper that compares the two court cases involving slavery before the Civil War.		Amistad
Jan.	Students will examine the historical impact of the battle at the Alamo.	Role play and gain and insight into the lives of the participants in the war to gain	Sacrifice Leadership	Students will write a letter home to loved ones that illustrates the feelings of the men	Standard 5 – Key Idea #3,4	Internet Library The Alamo

	Students will examine American Culture from the Indian Wars through the 1920's. Students will examine the turning point of the Civil War.	Compare the leaders from the North and the South.	Family Conflict Class conflict Racism Prohibition Conflicts of the Civil War Brother vs Brother Friend vs Friend	at the Alamo before the final Battle. Students will discuss features of American Life illustrated in the movie.		Legends of the Fall Gettysburg
	Students will examine the life of Harry Truman and his role in World War II.	Compare the role of the president in the 1950's to today.	Changes in Society Difficult Decisions The Atomic Bomb	Students will write an essay that illustrates differences in American Society in the Truman era to today.		Truman
Feb.	Black History Month Examine racial prejudices from the Civil War period to the present. Discuss pros and cons of our melting pot society.	Compare racial prejudices through history. Black, White Southern, White Northern, Ethnic(Irish) Evaluate the benefits of a blind society.	Racism Prejudice Trust Ethnic/racial pride	Students will write Students will write an essay to evaluate possibility of a color blind society. Students will also include their opinion of whether we should retain elements of our racial identity.	Standard #3,4,5	Movies: Glory Remember the Titans Ray Internet websites
March						
Apr.						

May			
June			