

## **Overview**

This is a 15-week curriculum covering the history of the Northwestern United States from 1880 to 1940. The content is organized around several main topics: transportation, communication, energy development, political reform, economic development, and Native American history. Lectures present frameworks for teaching the mainlines of U.S. history during this period – Populism, Progressivism, immigration and urban development, the rise of big business, the Great Depression, and the New Deal – within a regional context that uses local examples.

## **Curriculum Organization**

### **Unit I: The Late Nineteenth Century**

- Week One: The Extractive Economy
- Week Two: The War of the Copper Kings
- Week Three: Populism in the Northwest
- Week Four: Immigration and Urban Growth
- Week Five: Dawes Severalty Act and Indian Education

### **Unit II: The Early Twentieth Century**

- Week Six: Progressivism in the Northwest
- Week Seven: National Parks and the Federal Government's Management  
of Land and Resources in the Northwest
- Week Eight: Irrigation and the Farming Economy
- Week Nine: Telephones and the Democratization of Instant  
Communication
- Week Ten: Organized Labor and Class Conflict in the Northwest

### **Unit III: The Interwar Years**

- Week Eleven: Automobiles and Road Building
- Week Twelve: The Great Depression in the Northwest
- Week Thirteen: New Deal for the Northwest
- Week Fourteen: Rural Electrification
- Week Fifteen: New Deal for Native Americans