

## PIH CURRICULUM MATRIX

Note: This curriculum matrix is an evolving document intended to stimulate dialogue among members of the PIH community as we attempt to conceptualize the organization of the social studies curriculum around fundamental, persistent issues. Ultimately, we hope to have a completed matrix for both U.S. and World History with links to model curriculum units for each topic-specific question. Many of these questions apply to other social studies subjects as well. We welcome and encourage discussion, suggestions, and contributions as we build this conceptual model together.

### Persistent Issues in History: Major Question Areas with Examples of Topic Specific-Questions for Selected History Topics

Persistent Issue	Potential Topic Area	Topic-Specific Question
<i>I. What actions are justified in the interest of the welfare or security of the community?</i>	i. Cold War	Who was most responsible for the rise and escalation of the Cold War?
<i>II. What standards must be met to give leadership legitimate authority?</i>	ii. Washington's Presidency	Was the Washington Administration justified in the actions it took to exert national authority over states and individual citizens?
<i>III. When are citizens justified in resisting governmental authority?</i>	iii. African-American Civil Rights Movement	What strategies should civil rights activists pursue to continue the struggle for a more just, equal society after the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.?
<i>IV. What should society do to promote fairness and justice for people who live within its jurisdiction?</i>	iv. Reconstruction	Were Reconstruction policies the most appropriate means for the government to establish freedom and equality for former slaves following the Civil War?
<i>V. What is the best way to distribute a society's resources?</i>	v. Chinese Revolution of 1949	How successful were the policies of Mao Zedong in producing a better quality of life for Chinese citizens?
<i>VI. When is a nation justified in intervening in the affairs of another nation?</i>	vi. Cold War – Latin America	Was the U.S. justified in intervening in the political affairs of Latin America?