9th-12th Grade Arkansas History
Hope, Endurance, and Justice

In 2009, the Clinton Foundation received a sapling taken from the white horse chestnut tree outside Anne Frank’s Secret Annex where she and her family hid during World War II. The Anne Frank Tree stands as a symbol of hope, endurance, and justice on the grounds of the Clinton Presidential Library. It commemorates the injustice of the holocaust, as well as the Indian Removal Act of 1830, the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II, and the Little Rock Central High School integration crisis of 1957. After visiting the Anne Frank Tree, students will reflect on how these historic episodes serve as poignant and painful reminders of the complicated journey toward social justice in Arkansas and around the world.

** The items in bold within each framework standard are areas that will be emphasized during the presentation, other areas listed may possibly be addressed.

Arkansas History Frameworks

- Analyze the social, economic, and political effects of World War II on Arkansas using a variety of primary and secondary sources (e.g., home front, war bonds, rationing, relocation camps, prisoner of war camps, missile silos, ammunition depots)
- Investigate contributions made by political leaders in Arkansas post-World War II locally and nationally
- Analyze the social, economic, and political effects of the Civil Rights Movement in various regions of Arkansas using primary and secondary sources from multiple perspectives (e.g., segregation; voting; integration of Fayetteville, Hoxie, and Little Rock School Districts; federal and state legislation)
- Examine effects of social and cultural transformations on various segments of the population across Arkansas (e.g., counterculture, drug culture, breakdown of the family, feminist movement, music, art, clothing)
- Analyze the effects of conflicts and their resolutions on the citizens of Arkansas (e.g., the draft, Cold War, defense industry, trade, agriculture, voluntary and involuntary immigration)
- Analyze ways that Arkansans addressed a variety of public issues by using or challenging local, state, national, and international laws
- Research contributions made by Arkansans in the fields of art, medicine, politics, science, and tech

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