## Curriculum Map 2023-2024

Teacher: Nebeker

**Subject: Big History (Semester Elective Course)** 

MONTH	UNIT	Lessons or skills covered
August		<ul> <li>Threshold #1: The Big Bang         <ul> <li>Big History: based on a scientific timeline created with evidence for all claims (not meant to challenge or change any student religious beliefs).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Threshold #2: Creation of Stars         <ul> <li>All the elements in the universe were created during the Big Bang.</li> <li>Stars: collections of Hydrogen and Helium.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
September		<ul> <li>Threshold #3: Creation of Complex Elements         <ul> <li>Death of stars is necessary for other elements to form.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Threshold #4: Creation of Planets         <ul> <li>Gravity and accretion are necessary for new elements to become planets.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Threshold #5: Life on Earth         <ul> <li>Life on Earth changed from simple bacteria in ocean vents eventually into humans overtime.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
October		<ul> <li>Threshold #6: Collective Learning         <ul> <li>Symbols and language allowed information to be stored and improved upon, which led to more innovation based on improvements over time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Threshold #7: Agriculture         <ul> <li>Planting food allowed people to survive in larger groups which</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	led to cities and trade.  • Threshold #8: Modern Revolution  ○ The discovery of coal, steam, oil and the internet have led to more interaction and innovation due to the planet shrinking with newer technologies.
November	US History:  • Revolutionary War  • DBQ: How revolutionary was the American Revolution?  • Civil War  • DBQ: What caused the Civil War?
December	<ul> <li>World War 1         <ul> <li>Essential Question: What was the main cause of WW1?</li> </ul> </li> <li>World War 2         <ul> <li>Essential Question: What was the main cause of WW2?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cold War         <ul> <li>Essential Question: Who was the most influential leader during the Cold War? Why?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Vietnam War         <ul> <li>Essential Question: Was the Vietnam War a justified war based on the just war theory? Why or why not?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	