

# The Choices Approach

Current Issues Units	Historical Issues Units
I. Introduction to the Issue	I. Introduction to the Issue
II. Historical Background	II. Historical Background
III. Current Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze current policy alternatives – Identify pros and cons, risks and tradeoffs of divergent policy alternatives</li> <li>• Framed in stark terms to highlight different policies and their underlying values</li> </ul>	III. Historical Turning Point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analyze options under consideration at a particular moment in history – a turning point that would affect the course of history</li> <li>• Consider only real options that were actually under consideration at the time</li> </ul>
IV. Students create, articulate, and support <u>their own</u> new option	IV. Epilogue – Review what happened and consider the significance for today

## Program Goals

- Engage students in an exploration of contested international issues from multiple perspectives.
- Promote critical thinking and active citizenship