

From Standards to Success: Instructional Anchor Suggestions for USHC Standard 2

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Use this reference to identify high-leverage instructional anchors that effectively organize instruction for each USHC Standard 2 indicator. While many indicators are well suited to turning points, other indicators may be better organized around historical developments, recurring themes, compelling questions, constitutional issues, or historical problems.

Indicator	Suggested Anchor	Why It Works
2.CO	Comparison of labor and economy in the North and South	Illustrates deep economic and cultural divergence; connects directly to causes of sectional tension and Civil War.
2.CE	Missouri Compromise	First major national attempt to resolve slavery in westward expansion; links geography, politics, and sectional balance; sets a precedent for future breakdowns in compromise.
2.P	Technological change: The cotton gin	Demonstrates the relationship between innovation and the growth of slavery; connects to plantation economy and economic dependency.
2.CX	Citizenship and Natural Rights: From Dred Scott to the 14th Amendment	Traces changing federal definitions of citizenship and rights from the Dred Scott decision through Reconstruction; supports analysis of natural rights and the changing role of the federal government.
2.CC	Reconstruction Amendments	Represents federal effort to reunify the nation and expand rights; encapsulates the post-war redefinition of citizenship and union.
2.E	Civil War primary source set (Lincoln, soldiers, press)	Provides rich opportunities for evidence analysis and contextual thinking; supports multiple perspectives and source evaluation.