

## U.S. History Syllabus - 2024-2025

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### Course Overview

This course covers the history of the United States from its pre-colonial period through modern times. We will explore the political, economic, social, and cultural developments that have shaped the nation. The course will emphasize critical thinking, analysis of primary and secondary sources, and the development of historical arguments.

### Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- Understand key events, individuals, and movements in U.S. history.
- Analyze primary and secondary historical sources.
- Develop and present historical arguments in written and oral form.
- Connect historical events to contemporary issues.
- Understand the geographical factors that have influenced U.S. history.

### Materials

- **Textbook:** [Title, Edition, Author]
- **Supplementary Readings:** Provided as needed.
- **Supplies:** Notebook, writing utensils, highlighters, and access to a computer or tablet for research and assignments.

### Grading Breakdown

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- **Daily Work:** 33%
- **Quizzes and Projects:** 33%
- **Tests:** 33%

### Classroom Rules

1. **Don't be a distraction.**
2. **Be respectful of your instructor, pees, and property.**

3. **Be on task and prepared.**
4. **Be Appropriate.**
5. **Be thoughtful.**

### **Absentee Policy**

Students will have no more than 5 school days to complete any work assigned during an absentee.

### **Curriculum Outline**

#### **1. Introduction and Unit 1: Westward Expansion (August 2 - August 16)**

Content:

Book Chapter 1: A Changing Nation, 1860–1890

Lesson 1: The Impacts of Reconstruction

Lesson 2: The Transformation of the West

Lesson 3: Native Americans

#### **2. Unit 2: Industrialization and Immigration (August 19 - September 6)**

Content:

Book Chapter 2: Creating a Modern America, 1865–1901

Lesson 1: Industry and the Railroads

Lesson 2: Big Business and Unions

Lesson 3: Immigration

Lesson 4: Urbanization and Social Reform

Lesson 5: The Segregated Gilded Age

#### **3. Unit 3: The Progressive Era (September 9 - September 20)**

Content:

Book Chapter 4: The Progressive Movement, 1890–1917

Lesson 1: The Roots of Progressivism

Lesson 2: Roosevelt and Taft

Lesson 3: The Wilson Years

#### **4. Unit 4: Imperialism and World War I (September 23 - October 11)**

Content:

##### **Book Chapter 3: Becoming a World Power, 1872–1917**

Lesson 1: The Imperialist Vision

Lesson 2: The Spanish-American War

Lesson 3: New American Diplomacy

##### **Book Chapter 5: World War I and Its Aftermath, 1917–1920**

Lesson 1: The United States Enters World War I

Lesson 2: The Home Front

Lesson 3: A Bloody Conflict

Lesson 4: The War's Impact

#### **5. Review and First Cumulative Benchmark (October 14 - October 18)**

Review: All content covered from August 2 to October 11.

First Cumulative Benchmark: October 18

#### **6. Unit 5: The Roaring Twenties (October 21 - November 1)**

Content:

##### **Book Chapter 6: The Jazz Age, 1921–1929**

Lesson 1: The Politics of 1920s

Lesson 2: A Growing Economy

Lesson 3: A Clash of Values

Lesson 4: Cultural Innovations

Lesson 5: African American Culture and Politics

#### **7. Unit 6: The Great Depression and the New Deal (November 4 - November 15)**

Content:

**Book Chapter 7: The Great Depression Begins, 1929–1932**

Lesson 1: The Causes of the Great Depression

Lesson 2: Life During the Depression

Lesson 3: Hoover’s Response to the Depression

**Book Chapter 8: Roosevelt and the New Deal, 1931–1941**

Lesson 1: The First New Deal

Lesson 2: The Second New Deal

Lesson 3: The New Deal Coalition

**8. Unit 7: World War II (November 18 - December 6)**

Content:

**Book Chapter 9: A World In Flames, 1931–1941**

Lesson 1: The Origins of World War II

Lesson 2: From Neutrality to War

Lesson 3: The Holocaust

**Book Chapter 10: America and World War II, 1941–1945**

Lesson 1: Wartime America

Lesson 2: The War in the Pacific

Lesson 3: The War in Europe

Lesson 4: The War Ends

**9. Review and Second Cumulative Benchmark (December 9 - December 11)**

Review: All content covered from October 21 to December 6.

Second Cumulative Benchmark: December 11

**10. Unit 8: The Cold War and Postwar America (January 6 - January 24)**

**Content:**

Book Chapter 11: The Cold War Begins, 1945–1960

Lesson 1: The Origins of the Cold War

Lesson 2: The Early Cold War Years

Lesson 3: The Cold War and American Society

Lesson 4: Eisenhower’s Cold War Policies

**Book Chapter 12: Postwar America, 1945–1960**

Lesson 1: Truman and Eisenhower

Lesson 2: The Affluent Society

Lesson 3: The Other Side of American Life

**11. Unit 9: Civil Rights Movement (January 27 - February 7)**

Content:

**Book Chapter 14: The Civil Rights Movement, 1954–1968**

Lesson 1: The Movement Begins

Lesson 2: Challenging Segregation

Lesson 3: New Civil Rights Issues

**12. Unit 10: The 1960s and 1970s (February 10 - February 21)**

Content:

**Book Chapter 13: The New Frontier and the Great Society, 1960–1968**

Lesson 1: The New Frontier

Lesson 2: JFK and the Cold War

Lesson 3: The Great Society

**Book Chapter 15: The Vietnam War, 1954–1975**

Lesson 1: Going to War in Vietnam

Lesson 2: Vietnam Divides the Nation

Lesson 3: The War Winds Down

**Book Chapter 16: The Politics of Protest, 1960–1980**

Lesson 1: Students and the Counterculture

Lesson 2: The Feminist Movement

Lesson 3: Latino Americans Organize

**13. Unit 11: The 1980s to Present (February 24 - March 13)**

Content:

**Book Chapter 17: Politics and Economics, 1968–1980**

Lesson 1: The Nixon Administration

Lesson 2: The Watergate Scandal

Lesson 3: Ford and Carter

**Book Chapter 18: The Resurgence of Conservatism, 1980–1992**

Lesson 1: The Reagan Years

Lesson 2: Life in the 1980s

Lesson 3: The End of the Cold War

**Book Chapter 19: A Time of Change, 1980–2000**

Lesson 1: The Clinton Years

Lesson 2: A New Wave of Immigration

Lesson 3: Technology and Globalization

**Book Chapter 20: The War on Terrorism, 2001–2008**

Lesson 1: Bush's Global Challenges

Lesson 2: Afghanistan and Iraq

Lesson 3: Domestic Challenges

## **Book Chapter 21: Obama and Beyond, 2008–Present**

Lesson 1: Obama's First Term

Lesson 2: A Trouble World

Lesson 3: Obama's Domestic Policy Challenges

Lesson 4: The 2016 Election

Lesson 5: The Trump Administration

### **14. Review and Final Comprehensive Benchmark (March 14 - April 11)**

Review: All content covered from January 6 to March 13.

Final Comprehensive Benchmark: April 11