



2017-2018 Curriculum Catalog

American History

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American History Course Overview

American History continues the process of developing in students an understanding of and appreciation for God’s activity as seen in the record of man and his relationships. The course covers early American exploration to the present day, placing special emphasis on the politics of the 18th and early 19th centuries and the Civil War. These areas of focus target three major content strands: History, Geography, and Government and Citizenship.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Understand how conflict between the American colonies and Great Britain led to American independence.
- Understand political, economic, and social changes that occurred in the United States during the 19th century, including changes resulting from the Industrial Revolution.
- Explain how political, economic, and social changes in the U.S. led to conflict among sections of the United States in the 19th century.
- Describe the causes and effects of the Civil War and its aftermath.
- Describe the causes and effects of both World Wars.
- Understand some of the key challenges facing American society in the late 20th and early 21st centuries.

Additionally, students will gain practice in writing essays and reports, covering topics like the Monroe Doctrine, the states’ rights debate, the Lincoln-Douglas debates, isolationism, the New Deal, the Korean conflict, and more.

Unit 1: Foundations of the American Republic		
Assignments		
American History	1. Course Overview	10. The Middle Colonies
	2. Revival of Trade and Commerce	11. The Southern Colonies
	3. New Ideas and Religious Changes	12. Growth of the Colonies
	4. Quiz 1: Foundation of the American Republic	13. Quiz 3: Middle and Southern Colonies
	5. Colonization Begins in the New World	14. Special Project*
	6. Project: Jamestown*	15. Test
	7. Puritan Background and Plymouth Settlement	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Puritan Migration and the Settlement of New England	17. Reference
	9. Quiz 2: Colonization Begins	

Unit 2: Development of Constitutional Government		
Assignments		
American History	1. Relations with England	10. Articles of Confederation
	2. French and Indian War	11. Constitution of the United States
	3. Colonial Resistance	12. Essay: Constitutional Republic
	4. Quiz 1: Relations with England	13. Quiz 3: Birth of a Nation
	5. Second Continental Congress	14. Special Project*
	6. Opposition and Aid	15. Test
	7. War in the South and West	16. Alternate Test*
	8. Quiz 2: The Revolutionary War	17. Reference
	9. Birth of a Nation	

Unit 3: National Expansion	
Assignments	
American History	1. Federal Government
	2. First Political Parties
	3. Essay: Responsibilities*
	4. Quiz 1: Ship of State
	5. The Revolution of 1800
	6. The War of 1812
	7. Quiz 2: Revolution of 1800 and War of 1812
	8. Nationalism and the Monroe Administration
9. Essay: Foreign Policy	
10. Sectionalism and the Jackson Administration	
11. Essay: Missouri Compromise*	
12. Quiz 3: Nationalism and Sectionalism	
13. Special Project*	
14. Test	
15. Alternate Test*	
16. Reference	

Unit 4: A Nation Divided	
Assignments	
American History	1. The Emergence of Sectionalism
	2. Project: Leaders of the States' Rights Debate
	3. The Division of Land
	4. The Establishment of New Territory
	5. The Division of the People
	6. Essay: Lincoln/Douglas Debates
	7. Quiz 1: The Emergence of Sectionalism
	8. The Emergence of Slavery
	9. Essay: Free-born Residents*
10. The Politics of Slavery	
11. Essay: Escaped Slave*	
12. Report: Slave Codes	
13. Quiz 2: The Emergence of Slavery	
14. Special Project*	
15. Test	
16. Alternate Test*	
17. Reference	

Unit 5: A Nation Divided and United	
Assignments	
American History	1. Regional Lifestyles: The East and West
	2. Regional Lifestyles: The South
	3. Quiz 1: Regional Lifestyles
	4. Civil War: Division and Antagonism
	5. Essay: The Trent Affair
	6. Civil War: Union Blockade and Hostilities
	7. The Civil War: Final Phase
	8. Quiz 2: Civil War
9. Reconstruction	
10. Report: Reconstruction Scandals	
11. Quiz 3: Reconstruction	
12. Special Project*	
13. Test	
14. Alternate Test*	
15. Reference	

Unit 6: United States Involvement at Home and Abroad	
Assignments	
American History	1. U.S. Industry: Birth and Growth
	2. U.S. Industry: Economic Expansion
	3. Quiz 1: Industrial Growth in the United States
	4. Industrial Lifestyle: Trends
	5. Industrial Lifestyle: Labor Movement
	6. Quiz 2: Industrial Lifestyle
	7. Foreign Policy: Isolationism
	8. Essay: Seward's Proposal
	9. Foreign Policy: International Realism
10. Essay: Isolation and Involvement	
11. Quiz 3: Foreign Policy	
12. March Toward Conflict: Causes	
13. March Toward Conflict: Factions	
14. Quiz 4: March Toward Conflict	
15. Special Project*	
16. Test	
17. Alternate Test*	
18. Reference	

Unit 7: The Search for Peace	
Assignments	
American History	1. The First Global Conflict
	2. A Plan For Peace
	3. Report: A Just Peace*
	4. Quiz 1: The Great War and Its Aftermath
	5. The Golden Twenties
	6. Quiz 2: The Golden Twenties
	7. The Great Depression
	8. Essay: Foreign Policy
	9. Quiz 3: The Great Depression
	10. The New Deal
	11. Essay: New Deal*
	12. Quiz 4: The New Deal
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Alternate Test*
	16. Reference

Unit 8: A Nation at War	
Assignments	
American History	1. World War II: Causes of the War
	2. World War II: Theaters of Operation
	3. Quiz 1: World War II
	4. Communist Threat: World Unrest
	5. Korean Conflict: The Cold War Becomes Hot
	6. Report: Containment Policy
	7. Quiz 2: Korean Conflict
	8. Vietnam: Fighting Communism in S.E. Asia
	9. Vietnam: Withdrawal by the United States
	10. Report: Biography*
	11. Quiz 3: Vietnam Conflict
	12. Special Project*
	13. Test
	14. Alternate Test*
	15. Reference

Unit 9: Contemporary America	
Assignments	
American History	1. America in the 1960s: Part 1
	2. Report: Kennedy Assassination
	3. Report: I Have a Dream*
	4. America in the 1960s: Part 2
	5. The International Scene of the 1960s
	6. Quiz 1: America in the 1960s
	7. America in the 1970s: Part 1
	8. America in the 1970s: Part 2
	9. The International Scene of the 1970s
	10. Quiz 2: America in the 1970s
	11. America in the 1980s and 1990s: Part 1
	12. America in the 1980s and 1990s: Part 2
	13. America in a New Century
	14. Quiz 3: America in the 1980s and 1990s
	15. The International Scene - 1980-Present: Part 1
	16. The International Scene - 1980-Present: Part 2
	17. Our Nation Saw Evil. . .
	18. America's Department of Homeland Security*
	19. Report: Department of Homeland Security*
	20. Terrorism Has a Name: Bin Laden
	21. Quiz 4: The International Scene 1980-1995
	22. Special Project*
	23. Test
	24. Alternate Test*
	25. Reference

Unit 10: United States History Review	
Assignments	
American History	1. Changes in Europe
	2. Early Colonization
	3. Quiz 1: Europe and the American Colonies
	4. Rising Tensions in the Colonies
	5. Second Continental Congress
	6. Colonial Government
	7. Quiz 2: The American Revolution
	8. United States of the 1800s
	9. Jackson Era
	10. Report: Regional Lifestyles
	11. Report: Sectionalism and Slavery*
	12. Civil War
	13. Reconstruction of the South
	14. Quiz 3: United States of the 1800's
	15. Industrialization of the United States
16. Essay: Roosevelt's New Deal	
17. World War I	
18. Quiz 4: Industrialization of the United States	
19. The United States: From World War II to Vietnam	
20. Essay: Vietnam War*	
21. From John F. Kennedy to Gerald R. Ford	
22. Essay: President Kennedy	
23. From Jimmy Carter to George W. Bush	
24. Quiz 5: Current History of the United States	
25. The '80s and Beyond	
26. Quiz 6: The 80s and 90s	
27. Special Project*	
28. Test	
29. Alternate Test*	
30. Reference	

(*) Indicates alternative assignment