



U.S. History- Course Syllabus

Description:

This course presents a cohesive and comprehensive overview of the history of the United States, surveying the major events and turning points of U.S. history as it moves from the Era of Exploration through modern times. As students examine each era of history, they will analyze primary sources and carefully research events to gain a clearer understanding of the factors that have shaped U.S. history.

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Course objectives:

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Assess the political development of the United States, including the influence of democratic ideals, the changing role of government, and the modern two-party system.
- Explore the evolution of American culture and society, including the role of reform movements, from the colonial era to the present.
- Trace the economic development of the U.S. from an agrarian to an industrial economy.

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Semester A

- 1 America's Early Inhabitants
- 2 Colonial America
- 3 The Fight for US Independence
- 4 The Early United States
- 5 The American Civil War
- 6 Post Civil War America
- 7 Reconstruction and Native Americans
- 8 Western Expansion and Settlement
- 9 Tycoons and Industrialization
- 10 Labor Movements and Immigration
- 11 Urban Life and Political Corruption
- 12 Labor and Government Reforms

Semester B

- 13 Voting Rights and Progressivism
- 14 Growing American International Influence
- 15 U.S. Involvement in World War I
- 16 The Roaring Twenties
- 17 The Crash and Great Depression
- 18 FDR and Rising International Tension
- 19 World War II
- 20 The Cold War Era
- 21 The Sixties, Kennedy, and Civil Rights
- 22 Vietnam and Social Unrest
- 23 The Seventies
- 24 The End of a Century (1988-1999)
- 25 America in the 21st Century (2000-Today)

Grading Scale

- A = 90-100%**
B = 80-89%
C = 70-79%
D = 60-69%
F = under 59%

Grade Weighting

- Quizzes..... 70%**
Mid-Term/Final Exams ... 30%
100%